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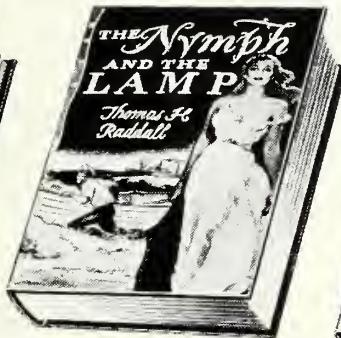
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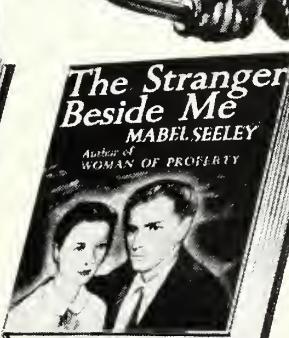
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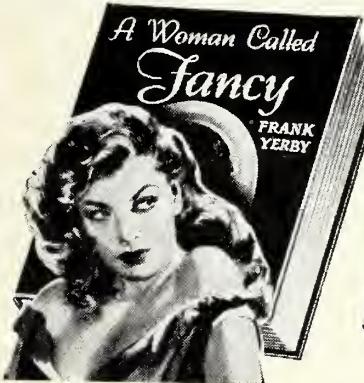
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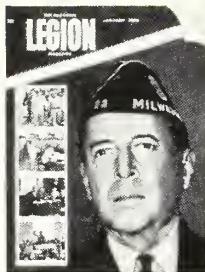
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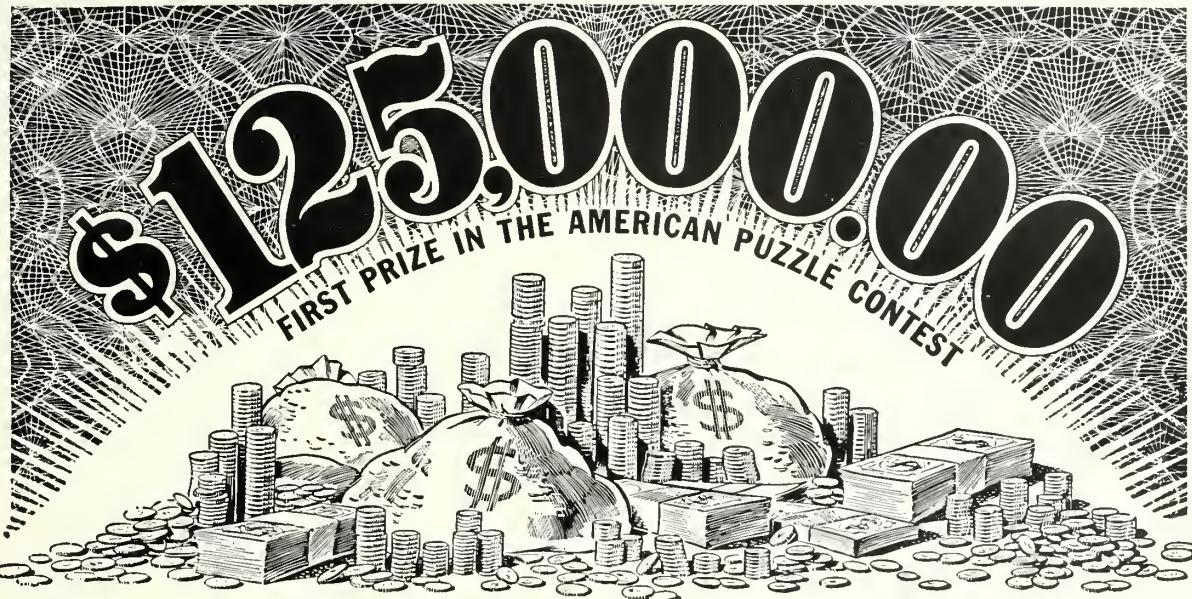
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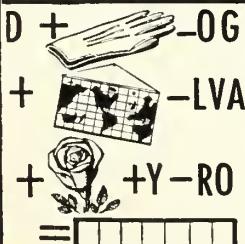


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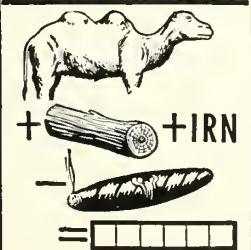


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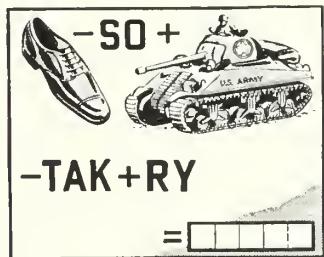
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Sir: Just a note to let you know my appreciation for *The American Legion Magazine*. The articles are not only interesting but very educational. It gives me a sense of pride to belong to an organization that brings to the minds of the American people such articles as *The Myth of the Mighty Red Army*, and especially the many articles written on the tragic MacArthur affair. Such as the facts brought out in *Are We Losing Our Allies?* Dr. Poling brings to our attention the accomplishments, views, and logical policies of a great general; how the too "old and corrupt men of FEAR" have led our nation astray. As a reserve who served under MacArthur, my hat's off again for your paper!

Ted M. Myers
Martinsville, Va.

ONE ACESON FAN

Sir: I deplore the leadership in The American Legion which permits it to venerate the self-appointed hero, MacArthur, and to criticize a great American like Dean Acheson who steadfastly refuses to expend the millions of additional lives which Mac wants to do in Asia. Furthermore I believe that we can fight communism with the truth much more effectively than with McCarthyism and other confusing allegations.

Charles A. Bell
Hollywood Post 626, Calif.



CHILLY

Sir: Reference Leopold Braun's article *The Myth of the Mighty Red Army*, in the October issue. He states that during the great siege the temperature dropped to 46 degrees below zero Centigrade. Well, now, that's real cold. I understand the coldest "cold" our scientists have been able to develop, even under elaborate lab conditions, only approaches zero Centigrade. So, I guess the Russians can claim another world record, unless of course, it gets that cold out on the Texas plains, where a woodpecker has to carry his lunch.

John House
Frankfort, Mich.

▼ Maybe this explains why Stalin & Co. are such cold fish.

Editors

INFLATION

Sir: Why don't you have the courage to speak up on inflation? The insane demands of labor, the vile and wicked waste in government spending are the only true causes. Labor is generally so stupid, and so evidently are you, that you don't realize that you as an individual are going to be wiped out, just like it was in Germany after World War I when a loaf of bread cost \$50,000. Remember, you stupid, you too will be dragged down into the economic pit.

Fred Dertrener
Billings, Mont.



CHARGES POLITICS

Sir: It has been my privilege to have affiliated with The American Legion since 1919 and for a long time I believed that I was familiar with certain phases of the organization. Having just heard, via radio and the press, some of the Miami Convention proceedings I now doubt very much if I understand the Constitution or anything about the authority which the National Officers seem to have. I wish to state quite frankly that I have not approved of the apparent trend of *The American Legion Magazine* along political lines. It appears to me that there is too definite a parallel with that of both the Republican Party and the National Association of Manufacturers. The Miami Convention might just as well have been termed The American Legion Republican Convention.

Alfred C. Edwards
Rio Dell, California

▼ Other National Conventions have strongly backed measures which could have been considered as Democratic. Did Mr. Edwards, and others who now accuse the organization of partisan politics, write condemning the actions of those Conventions? Editors

READY TO CONTRIBUTE

Sir: Eugene Lyons certainly puts his finger on what's wrong in the present series of persecutions of dissenters on both political sides of the fence. He says that reds have organizational "friends" to aid them in their hour of tribulation . . . their "ordeal by slander." There comes to mind the question as to just exactly what am I, as one of the Americans referred to by Mr. Lyons, expected to do when an anti-communist is ganged up on by the reds? Is the clarion call to duty expected to work us up to a

fighting pitch, in which we rush out and lynch all suspect individuals? Or could it be possible that we go about the job of fighting communism here at home in the same fashion they are accustomed to . . . by means of organizational and orderly financial and legal help? What I'm asking is this: *American Legion Magazine* has been an outspoken critic of anything even slightly leftish, and shouldn't it therefore be the framer of some committee calling itself, "Committee for Stifling Slander and Smear of Anti-Communists"? If this happens, I for one, will be glad to lend financial support . . . to the limits of my ability.

Richard W. Morris
Sharon, Pa.

ATTITUDE TOWARD JEWS

Sir: I am sincerely concerned about the attitude of your non-Jewish readers toward Jews as a whole. It would be tragic if they should get the impression from the Lyons' article (*Our New Privileged Class*) that Jews are usually communists. My fear is that they will get that impression, although I am sure that this certainly was not the intention of the author or your editors.

Ira L. Cahn
Levittown, N. Y.

▼ Many of those described in Lyons' article as *victims* of red attacks are Jews, and Lyons himself is Jewish. If our mail is any criterion, none of our readers got the impression that gives Mr. Cahn concern. Editors



ROTATION A FRAUD

Sir: I want to sound off on the morale of U. S. troops in Korea. Well, the other day fifteen replacements came into the company and three men went home, and there were other men who had enough points to go home then, but they only sent three. So, I think that this rotation program is nothing but a big fraud and I think it needs an investigation. Now they also come out and say that there won't be another shipment till December. I know of five or six guys who have enough points to leave right now. Other divisions are sending men home when they get enough points. What about the 7th Regt.?

PFC J. D. (name withheld)
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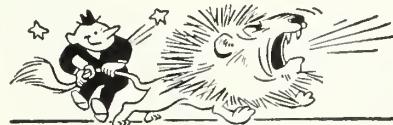
ANOTHER ANONYMOUS LETTER

Sir: After reading your article *The Myth of the Mighty Red Army* I am perplexed, nonplussed, astounded and bewildered. Why 'h why is it, that the dear sweet lovely Germans under the leadership of the kind, lovable adorable Hitler, Goering, Goebbels, Himmler and Hess didn't beat the living daylights and tar and hell and everything else out of the weak, cowardly, scared and shivering Russians? It's just articles like that which will instill into the mind of every living American that one skinny exbookkeeper U. S. soldier draftee can lick ten burly Russian soldiers. I'm a legionnaire (Apparently this "legionnaire"

hasn't been a member long enough to know it's "Legionnaire." — Editors) but I certainly cannot stomach your political, republican, Vatican City, anti-liberal anti-Truman pro-German magazine. Print this in your "Sound Off" ??? Hmph. Like hell you will. You'll do exactly what Hitler, Stalin or Franco would do. Burn it. Talk about being fed malarky, you're the biggest malarky peddler in the U.S.A. I'd sign my name to this letter but it's a cinch that you'd pull a senator Joe McCarthy on me. G.I.

▼ Some of our most curious mail comes from bashful people like this.

Editors



ENGLAND VS. SPAIN

Sir: I have just read: *Are We Losing Our Allies?* by Dr. Daniel A. Poling (October) and must admit that he gave England a very nice buildup. But just ahead of that section he tried to take the props out from under Franco. Let's not be too prejudiced when we look at the Spanish issue. F.D.R. recognized the value of Spain some years back and would have taken Spain in then, but Uncle Joe Stalin objected as Franco had kicked the communists out of Spain and F.D.R. was a friend of Joe's. The smartest thing Truman has ever done was to take Spain in.

H. C. Doherty
Amorita, Okla.

ABOUT K-VETS

Sir: Was just paging through this month's Legion and spotted G. Thistlewaite's query on position on a GI in a Korean pix. Well yours truly was there and never worried about correct position, it was accuracy and safety that counted. Here's a query o' me own. What is being done to get schooling or should I say a new "GI Bill" for us K-Vets? Hmmm

Bob Dickson
Ex from 1st Marine Brigade
El Campo, Texas

▼ The American Legion has urged the enactment of a readjustment measure for veterans of the Korean conflict similar to the GI Bill of Rights for WW2 vets. This demand was reaffirmed by the National Convention at Miami in October. Bills are pending in Congress, but no action can be taken until Congress convenes for the 2nd session in January.

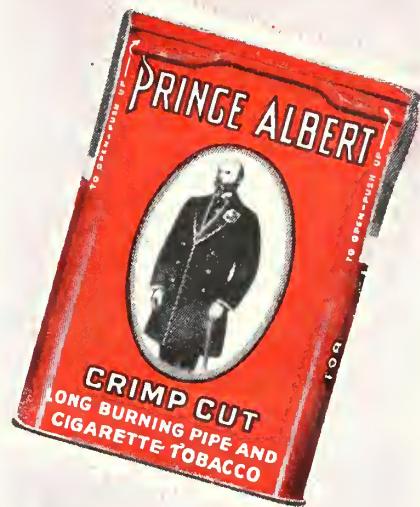
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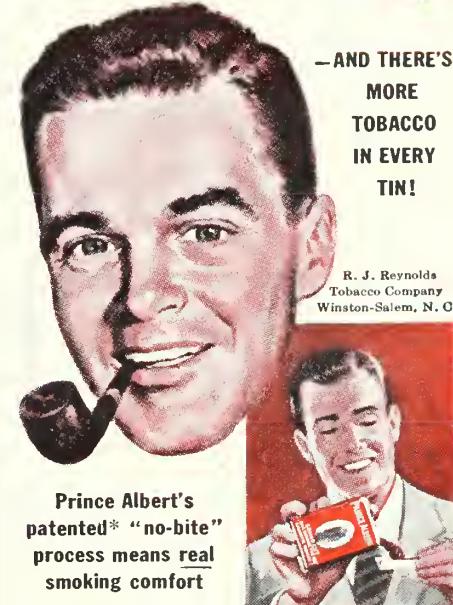
Sir: After reading the article in the October issue *Is the Medal of Honor Being Cheapened?* I thought about an incident that happened during World War II. This soldier carried a German shell fragment from 4:30 P.M. until 11:30 A.M. the next day and was not awarded a Purple Heart. The discharge of this veteran lists wounds in action—none. Yes, I know this is a true case because I'm that veteran.

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STORY WITHOUT A HERO

We'd like to know your reaction to the short story "They'll Never Know," which starts on page 11. The reason is, there's a story behind that story, one which we think indicates how thought control is exercised in various quarters.

Several weeks ago a news item in the excellent magazine *The Freeman* told about a well known author who had written a short story which had been rejected by several national magazines. Of course it is not unusual for a short story to be rejected — only a tiny percentage of the thousands written ever see print. But in this case a "name" writer was involved and editors conceded it was a good story. So, the obvious conclusion was that the story was being turned down because its main character was a "liberal" not sympathetically portrayed. Every writer knows that if you're going to hit the magazines that count, your "liberals" have to be heroic characters!

Curious about this, we investigated, learned the author was the noted Maurice Zolotow, obtained the manuscript, decided the story was first-rate. We are publishing it in this issue because (a) it is good, and (b) because we aren't overawed or intimidated by the cult of "liberalism."

AND THAT BRINGS UP SOMETHING ELSE

As we have pointed out before, those who shout the loudest about freedom of expression are usually the ones who do everything in their power to throttle any opinion contrary to their own beliefs. When we exposed how the commies had manipulated the book publishing business we were roundly denounced by hypocritical "liberals" who said we were threatening freedom of expression. Recently we received a letter from a novelist whose books you have probably read, since they have been published by the millions. However, despite their popularity, these books have never been popular with leftwing critics. Why? Here's the answer in the novelist's own words:

"According to the 'liberal' or communist critics in America, a novel is only 'serious' when it deals with the fictitious persecution of Negroes in America, homosexuals, 'little people exploited by society,' or extols the virtues of socialism and communism and their varieties. A book that blows up a turgid story of migrant workers, factory workers, juvenile delinquency 'caused by poverty and slum conditions,' or attacks our Constitution as outmoded, and slants every angle to the left, or attacks any man who has had the courage, intelligence, fortitude and ambition to make a fortune, is considered 'valuable, documentary, significant and timely' by the socialistic-communistic critics of this nation. But

let anyone write as I do, of the sound Christian virtues, or praise a hero who is solid and respectable and virtuous, or who discounts the 'oppression of the humble people,' or who reverently respects the Constitution of this Republic, and the critics are after him with libelous criticisms. I have had dozens of critics dismiss my books with a sentence or two and then attack me as a person with 'reactionary' beliefs and 'outmoded ideas.' Some of their criticisms have been so foul and so frenzied and so insanely enraged as to astound friends and publishers and decent critics. The venom they display is malignant—and significant. Though I've had a number of best sellers, I could never sell a book to the movies, could never get an assignment to write for any magazine, could never find any outlet for anti-communist articles, could never break through to radio or television. . . ."

WHAT CAN A LEGIONNAIRE DO?

Did you ever ask yourself, "But what can one person do?" when it comes to a major catastrophe? If so, here's a true story and we hope an exemplary one. It concerns Bill Stern, National Executive Committeeman from Fargo, N. Dak. Last Fall Bill was in the Orient when he learned that the island of Taiwan had suffered a violent earthquake which destroyed thousands of homes and made tens of thousands of people homeless.

Taiwan, as you probably know, is one of Chiang Kai-shek's last bastions, so the earthquake was another blow at the hard-pressed Chinese leader who is one of our few remaining allies in that part of the world.

But what could one person do? Bill Stern, returning to the United States, didn't call on any government agencies. He went right to Legionnaire friends and appealed personally for help. He soon collected \$775 which he sent to the Chinese Red Cross. Back came a letter from Madame Chiang which said the money "could not have come at a more opportune time."

We get so used to hearing about billion-dollar aid programs that we forget a few dollars can often work miracles. We hope a lot of Bill Sterns will now go into action undeterred by the thought that it takes billions of dollars and far-flung, well-staffed agencies to help people in need. Madame Chiang Kai-shek, at Taipei, Taiwan, will see to it that the Chinese Red Cross puts the contributions to best use.

A LOW BOW TO BATAVIA

For the next year 111 GIs in Korea, Europe and Stateside bases will be reminded that their friends at home haven't forgotten them, thanks to a thoughtful action on the part of Batavia, Illinois, Post No. 504. The Batavia Legionnaires decided that their home-town boys would like reading matter edited for men who have borne arms, so they subscribed to *The American Legion Magazine* for each and every Batavian now in service. They will keep the subscription list up to 100% by adding the names of all other local boys who go into service.

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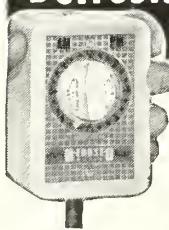


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PRODUCTS PARADE

A sampling of items which are in process of development or are coming on the market. Mention of products in no way constitutes an endorsement of them, since in most cases they are described as represented by manufacturers.

NO MORE UNSIGHTLY CLOTHESLINES

It's now easy to store clotheslines when they aren't in use, with an interesting device called Hide-a-Line. This gadget which keeps the lines clean and dry when they are not in use, and which makes it easy to string them up on washdays, consists of a heavy-duty steel box that can be mounted in the basement or outdoors. Inside the box are four spools on which you can wind a total of 200 feet of standard clothesline, fifty feet to a spool. When you need a line you simply pull out as much as you need, anchor it, and lock. The locking device stretches the line so tight that there is no need for a clothes pole. To take a line down, you need only unlock the tightening device and wind it in. Hide-a-Line is made by Bertram Engineering and Supply Co., 3125 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo., and it sells for \$7.50.

with anything. Offered by Sidix Industries, Emlenton, Pa., they sell at three for \$1.00 east of the Mississippi and three for \$1.25 west of O'P Man River.



ELIMINATES LINT

One of the trade secrets of professional cleaners and tailors is utilized for home use in a simple but ingenious gadget called a Lint-Lifter being offered by the Hollywood Bazaar, 6608 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood 28, Calif. This is a specially treated tape roller 1 1/2 inches wide which can be rolled over clothes, suits, upholstery, hats, etc. The tape picks up lint, dust and hair, while the fabric remains unharmed. When the tape fills with lint one layer can be peeled off, exposing a new surface. Under normal use a roller is said to give from four to six months of use, and refill rollers are available. The price of the Lint-Lifter is \$1.00 postpaid, and refill rollers are two for \$1.00.



SNOW WHITE & THE GOLF BALL

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DEEP DISH ASH TRAY

An ash tray whose novel design makes it impossible for a cigarette to fall out of it and set fire to an adjoining surface is the Sidix tray developed by Legionnaire S. M. Dickson. Unusually deep, the round glass tray has molded indentations on its sides which serve to support cigarettes placed in it. Another feature is that the moistened end of a cigarette cannot come in contact

HOW TO TORTURE YOUR WIFE

Do your shirts need mending? Do your socks need darning? Are any buttons missing from your clothes? Or, perchance, does your car need an overhauling? If your wife is supposed to do these chores, but is lazy or forgetful, there's a means now available to get her on the ball. Wydown Products, 1331 Syndicate Trust Bldg., St. Louis 1, Mo., is making stickers, which you can buy by the roll, bearing the message "Please Fix Me!" (A space is provided for the date, to forestall any alibis.) Made of heavy tape, 3/4-inch wide, the stickers cost \$1.00 a roll, and there are 72 on a roll. If the little woman disapproves, the stuff can be used with a bandage.

MULTI-PURPOSE REMEDY

The old-fashioned hot water bag is streamlined in a new number being offered by Duo-Pac, Inc., 220 W. 42nd St., New York City 18. It's made of Vinylite plastic, with a sealed-in chemical solution, and it

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PLASTIC REPAIR KIT

With so many things made of plastic there are bound to be accidents causing rips, holes and tears. Up to now repairs have been unsatisfactory if not impossible because conventional glues and cements don't work with Vinylite plastic. Now, however, it's a simple matter to repair such things as shower curtains, raincoats, aprons, etc., made of this material, with a Plastic Repair Kit being made by U. S. Fiber & Plastics Corp., Stirling, N. J. The kit, which sells for only 25¢, contains a tube of special cement and six strips of Vinylite plastic film in different colors which can be cut into the size necessary for patching.

OLD AND NEW

Someone is always thinking up something new in pipes, but it took the Phoenix-American Pipe Works of Boonville, Mo., to combine two time-tested features in a pipe worthy of mention. This company has worked out a way of getting the smoking qualities of the old-time corn cob in a pipe that has the sleek appearance of a briar. How? By sealing a corn cob bowl in a briar shell. For this the price is only \$1.00 postpaid. The company also makes a pipe that is not quite so deluxe, at two for a dollar.

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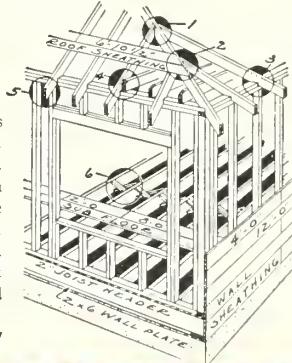
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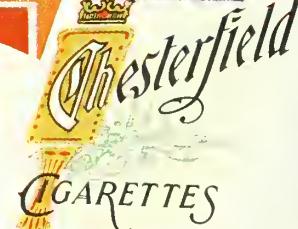
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Dike Jones had been the friend of the under-dog, the spokesman for the brave new world, the champion of everything progressive. But to his son he was something else.

He suddenly realized his father was drunk, even more drunk than usual.

By MAURICE ZOLOTOW

RIGHT AFTER lunch, the impressive ceremonies took place. Midwestern College was dedicating a new student memorial union, Jones Hall, named in honor of its most famous graduate—Dike Jones, author of the widely syndicated liberal column, *Keeping Up With Jones*. From all over the United States a glittering array of notables had descended on this small Wisconsin town. Among the hundreds of guests spread over the terrace there sat a nervous, uneasy man of about 35, dressed in a neatly-pressed brown

linen suit. Occasionally, he was pointed out in a whisper as Darcy Jones, the son of the fabulous Dike Jones.

Mr. Jones was bewildered by all the hubbub and excitement. All his life he had tried to stay out of the limelight. This was the first time he had ever appeared in public in any activity connected with his famous father. He would not have been here this afternoon, even, if it had not been for his wife Stella, who wanted the trip. She said it was a shame the way they never got away from Plainfield,



He was saying the witty things at the Algonquin that were repeated for years.

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They'll Never Know

New Jersey, where Mr. Jones ran a filling station and auto repair shop.

Mr. Jones was glad to see Stella at least was enjoying herself. She was flustered and beaming at being the center of attention. A Supreme Court Justice came over and said hello and told them how much he had loved Dike and how proud Darcy should be of his wonderful father, who had been the champion of everything advanced and progressive in our time, the friend of the underdog, and the spokesman for the new world of brotherhood.

"Thank you, sir, thank you, sir," muttered Darcy Jones, choked up and embarrassed and self-conscious because he knew that in the eyes of all his father's friends he didn't amount to a damn. He felt he had no business being here at all. That barely-concealed look of disappointment in people's faces when they were introduced to him and found out who he was and how uninteresting his career had been—it always humiliated him. The look seemed to say, *What a disgrace you are, not only to your father but to the whole country. How dare you run a gas station when millions of persons lack decent housing?* (That type, mused Darcy, would never say "homes,"—it would always be a word like housing.)

Besides the Supreme Court Justice, they were introduced to several members of the Cabinet, a four-star general,

a few brigadier generals and colonels and an admiral. Oh, it was quite a turnout all right—there were the foreign correspondents with their world-weary expressions, and the nervous intellectuals from New York, whose knees and elbows jerked restlessly, the bland bureaucrats from Washington, and the smart wits from café society, and that opera singer, and quite a few actors and actresses, because one of Dike Jones' favorite topics to write about was the theater.

He wrote with equal slickness upon the trivial and the socially significant. He would write about his favorite dog, the afghan, or express his sense of outrage at the imprisonment of Tom Mooney. He wrote about the roadster with the rumble seat, his love for baked ham with candied sweet potatoes, the novels of Anthony Trollope, the dictatorship in Nicaragua, bobbed hair, and the disappearing straight-edged razor, a circumstance he deplored. But his main line was social significance, packaged in a cellophane of whimsy.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" Jones had once written. "Yes, I am my broth-

er's keeper. I am likewise my brother-in-law's keeper." The idea was that we were all each other's keeper—a shocking idea when Jones had first presented it to the American public years ago, but Jones had a gift for making persons laugh before he shocked them, and while their lips opened in laughter, he quickly popped a heresy or two into their mouths. A great many people believed that Jones had been one of the most influential molders of public opinion and had helped to change the ideas of a generation. . . .

The guests of honor were ranged in a semi-circle on a rostrum, facing an audience of about six hundred alumni and graduates. The president of the college welcomed everybody and after the college band played *Marching With Midwestern*, he introduced the main speaker of the occasion, Harley Sumner Hopewell, the distinguished American poet, playwright and ghoster of campaign speeches. Mr. Hopewell arose.

"It is fitting," he murmured, "that Dike Jones should have received his education at a small university like Midwestern—a college without the wealth and fame and false prestige of the big education factories in the East. Because Dike Jones despised wealth, despised



pretentiousness and prestige. He believed in what counted—the common man—his simple needs, his eternal dreams. That was what Dike Jones stood for. That was what he fought for. That was what he died for. This building we dedicate here . . ."

What Dike Jones died for. Yes, in a way, his father's death had been the climax of his father's life. When the country was caught up in the war, Dike stopped writing about Helen Hayes and

the quality of the American soldier—his hard-boiled casualness about life and death, his coarse, natural sense of humor. Dike Jones lived with the GIs—in barracks, in Post Exchanges, in field maneuvers. He went over in a troopship and slept on a bunk. He took part in the assault upon North Africa, in the invasion of Sicily.

Then, when the show was over in Europe, he covered the warfare in the Pacific, as a combat correspondent with

it would have to be like that forever because they would never know. He was the only person in the whole world who could set them straight and if he told it to them, they would never have believed it anyway. *They'll never know*, thought Darcy with a twinge of bitterness. So he had to carry his secret around in his heart forever, and never say a word about it to anybody. . . .

While the speaker droned on and on about his wonderful father, Darcy's

Dike sat on the bed lurching back and forth. "Aren't you ashamed in front of your own son?" his wife cried.



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straight-edged razors and baked ham and the Scottsboro boys, and wrote about the Army. Although he was 53 years old in 1942, he went through three months of basic training at a camp in South Carolina.

Now, his columns gave expression to the flavor of Army living. He captured

a division of Marines. And it was while he was participating in the invasion of an island that he was killed, killed right in the water was the way the papers told it, and everybody said Dike Jones was one of the heroes of World War II, and if everybody said it, the son knew that was the way it would have to be,

mind wandered back to incidents out of the past. The first he knew about his father being different from other fathers was before Dike Jones became famous. He wasn't even a reporter then. He was an advertising solicitor for a trade paper. The family lived on the second floor of a two-story frame house in Jamaica, Long Island. Dike Jones made \$75 a week. Although five years out of college, his life was going nowhere. He was moody and began drinking. Darcy was then six years old. There were two other children—both girls.

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The guests of honor sat on a rostrum facing an audience of about six hundred.



THE CITIZEN

*and his role in our
National Military Policy*

BY GENERAL OF THE ARMY **DOUGLAS MacARTHUR**

One of our greatest military leaders discusses the man who has to fight our wars, the citizen soldier. He tells of a danger that now confronts the new GI, and how The American Legion must use its power to safeguard him.



ONE OF THE greatest contributions The American Legion has made to the nation has been in the strengthening of the potentialities of the citizen soldier. Since the Minute Men of 1776 formed the ranks of the Continental Army and brought victory to its arms

in the American Revolution, the security of the United States has rested more than all else upon the competence, the indomitable will and the resolute patriotism of the citizen soldier. The professional has had his role—and it has been a major one—providing trained leadership, initial security against surprise attack and the nucleus to an expanding force under conditions of national emergency. But in all of our wars, from

the Revolution to Korea, the citizen soldier has met the full shock of battle, has contributed all but a fraction of the dead and maimed and has accepted the responsibility for victory.

Yet, despite all of this, he has never received either from our political or military leadership full credit for his role in safeguarding the security of the nation, nor the support in peace which would better prepare him to carry his responsibilities in war.

The tendency has existed—as it still now exists—to regard him as an auxiliary

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rather than the main pillar supporting our national military strength. Only in rare instances have his views been sought or considered in the shaping of high policy governing the conduct of war or plans to secure the peace. Indeed, only in the most exceptional cases has he been called to share the authority of higher command or staff administration.

The need for a closer integration of the civilian defense components with the regular services was clearly understood by The American Legion following the close of World War I, and its efforts largely resulted in the re-examination of the then long-existing military policy of the United States. There followed enactment of the National Defense Act of June 4, 1920, providing for one army composed of the regulars, the

National Guard and the organized reserves. This was a long step forward, but experience demonstrates that it has not resulted in providing for the country the added security both intended and needed. Its results have been largely undecisive. We still enter wars tragically unprepared, and theretofore have found ourselves entirely lacking in that degree of military strength essential to preserve the peace. At war's end we still demobilize in haste and divest ourselves of accumulated war materiel with reckless abandon. We still lack a realistic appraisal of future potentialities, and saddle our people with wholly uncalled for burdens to cover past errors by re-

placing anew the power we have squandered and dissipated in the afterglow of victory. There could be no more serious indictment of our political and military leadership than this failure to profit from the clear lessons of experience. It is a failure which following World War II, still vivid in the American mind, lost us the fruits of victory and brought to us a sense of insecurity hardly surpassed in midst of war itself.

Now our military policy again requires revision. Under Selective Service and other statutes, we have called up large increments of our citizen soldiery with which to prosecute the Korean War and to bolster our own defense and the defense of many other lands. We have adopted the principle of Universal

Military Training, and the outlook is toward maintaining for many years—even in peace—an armed readiness for war.

All this, while intended and designed to strengthen freedom's defense, carries within itself the very germs to freedom's destruction. For it etches the pattern to a military state which, historically under the control of professional military thinking in constant search for means toward efficiency, has found in freedom possibly its greatest single impediment, to brush it aside as inimicable to established military policy. To avoid this historic pitfall, it is essential that civilian control over the citizen army be extended and intensified. Particularly is this true in the administration of the program of Universal Military Training, if the youth of our land is to avoid being corrupted into a legion of subserviency to the so-called military mind.

This calls for a reassessment of the role of the citizen soldier now to become the major element of our military establishment during peace as well as during war. It calls for a realistic appreciation of the potential in professional competence which the citizen soldier can bring to the fulfillment of our military policy and aims. It calls for the elimination of arbitrary restrictions upon the advance of the citizen soldier in the ranks of military leadership, for which he may be trained or is already reasonably qualified. It calls for a much broadened opportunity for the professional preparation of the citizen soldier to permit his integration into the higher staff studies and planning designed to avert war if possible, to prosecute it to early victory if not.

This requires a basic change in attitudes. It requires recognition of the fact long understood but covertly denied that our Army, as befits a republic, is a citizen army. It requires that leadership from the top down be selected upon merit, carefully avoiding arbitrary class discrimination. It requires that the citizen soldier, if otherwise professionally qualified, have the opportunity to voice his views in the formulation of military and related political policy—a recognition that none have any monopoly upon the attributes to military leadership. It requires that we carefully avoid yielding to professional ambition at the expense of the primacy of the national interest.

Unless these principles are recognized and adhered to, we shall find that our citizen army lacks the esprit essential to the building of invincible force—that its officers lack the incentive to advance their professional competence—that the people lack faith in the integrity of their military arm.

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Even a one-night-a-week bowler has a chance to cut himself in on the lavish prize money that's awarded each year in local and national tournaments.

By ED PRELL

ONLY THE TEN pins and the sleek drives down which the sixteen-pound ball glides remain of bowling as your grandpappy knew it at the turn of the Century. Perhaps no sport has had such a modern change as bowling, which traces its ancestry back 7,000 years to Egypt.

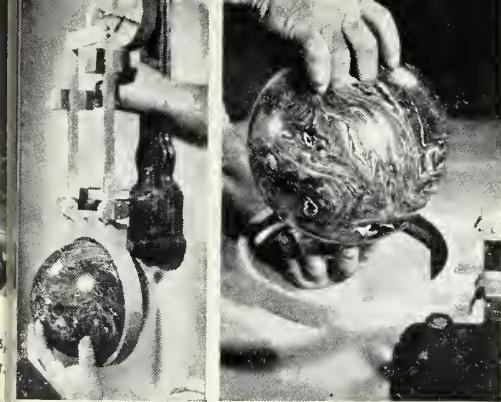
Grandpa's eyes would bug out at the sight of the majestic theater-front palaces which add to the architecture of

cities and towns across the nation. He would blink incredulously at the gleaming lanes and search unsuccessfully for the spittoons which adorned the back-of-the-saloon alleys in his day.

In this march of progress, bowling, like all sports, has lost much of its romance. There are no Count Genglers making the rounds, in sucker garb, drumming up a bet, then magnificently mowing down the pins. The successors

of the Count today are well-conditioned competitors who hit the tournament trail much like the golfers and double as ambassadors of the sport for equipment manufacturers.

Count Gengler, from Luxembourg, appeared at bowling spots dressed as a dude, complete to spats. He would look in blank amazement at the bowling balls, bored for thumb and finger grips, then remark that in Europe the ball was



The instruments above make certain that balls used in tournament play are balanced correctly and within weight limits. Such devices have eliminated the once notorious "dodo" ball.

solid and palmed in the delivery. He would timidously step up to the foul line — the Count didn't subscribe to the running start almost unanimously used — and gingerly toss the ball a few times, miraculously get the idea, then offer to make an investment, more often than not a profitable one.

The Count heard — this was in 1916 — about a young fellow in Buffalo, Frank Guarana by name, who was pining his life away because he had run out of opponents. So this humanitarian from Luxembourg caught the next train for Buffalo. He played his part, that of a wealthy man, a bit on the bounder side, with hallucinations of bowling greatness. Then followed the inevitable challenge and bet. Young Guarana and his backers didn't try to conceal their pleasure when the Count suggested a 60-game match for \$1,000. Thirty games were to be bowled in Buffalo, the remainder in Chicago on the famous Ben-singer's drives on Randolph Street.

In the Buffalo block, the Count managed to restrain his skill and there was doubt as to the outcome when they arrived in Chicago. This kept the betting alive and the Count, after covering one and all, revealed himself in all his bowling splendor. When only ten

games were left in the now one-sided contest, he brashly offered to wager \$200 that he would average 245 or better the rest of the way. He bowled 245.6!

The Joe Wilmans, Buddy Bomars, Andy Varipapas, and Ned Days perhaps are lucky that no such dangerous character as the Count is roaming the bowling drives today.

Bowling has no lore comparable to that of the great spectator sports of baseball, football, and boxing because it is essentially for competitors. Even its own world series, the annual American Bowling Congress tournament, attracts no more than 100,000 spectators spread out over more than two months, compared to the 20,000 bowlers who will take part in the big show, the 49th, beginning March 22d in Milwaukee's new Auditorium.

Bowling is all offense. A bowler gets hot and his opponent can do nothing to slow him down. Fans get defensive thrills by a great catch in baseball, a tackler pulling down a runner in football, or a boxer getting off the canvas

after being knocked down. And the spectators have to sit directly behind the bowlers while other sports can be viewed from all angles in a stadium.

Everything is big these days and bowling is no exception. The Bowling Proprietors' Association of America proudly proclaims that 16,000,000 people bowl and emphasizes that, with the saloon-bowling tieup only a nostalgic memory, women contribute handsomely to that total. As a striking example, the Evanston Women's Athletic Club has an 18-team bowling league.

These Evanston gals pay \$1.60 each week for three games. Forty cents is extracted and placed in the sport's traditional kitty, with the total refunded at the end of the season in prize money for individual and team excellence. Thus, in the eyes of the Amateur Athletic Union, they would have a professional status as much as Ted Williams or Joe Walcott. And that's the way it is — every participant in a bowling league technically is a professional when he or

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This picture is a rarity because fifty years ago women seldom bowled.

The last word. The Mid City Bowling Alleys in New York City's Port Authority Bus Terminal are considered to be the height of bowling luxury.





America's largest Tree Farm. Located in Texas, where everything is big, it comprises 700,000 acres.

WEALTH FROM YOUR WOODLOT

With the demand for forest products at a high level, many alert young men are becoming tree farmers. Here is the background on this interesting line of work.

By ROBERT M. HYATT

FIVE YEARS ago, when he came back to Greenville, Alabama, after wartime Army service in France, Joseph L. Killough faced the inevitable Big Question among returned servicemen: What shall I do now?

There were jobs to be had, factory and office jobs, but they meant punching a clock and long hours of confinement indoors. Killough, son of a farming family, rebelled at that. He did some scouting around and at Honoraville, not far from Greenville, he found a 640-acre farm, contracted to operate it, and subsequently purchased it.

"At first," Killough admits, "the three hundred acres of timber on the land meant nothing to me. My entire interest centered on the fine crops of cotton, corn, pigs and cattle I could visualize springing from that rich soil."

During 1950, however, a lumber merchant offered to buy a tract of timber from Killough. It seemed a reasonable offer and Killough would have accepted on the spot had he not recalled reading a Tree Farm pamphlet some months earlier. He asked for a few days to consider.

Meanwhile, he took his problem to the local farm forester who set a date to cruise his timber and estimate its value. "That experience," says Killough, "was my introduction to forest management. It opened the way to steady profit from my woodlot."



Here is the Alabama mill where Joseph L. Killough's timber is cut into lumber.

Following the survey, Killough sold \$1,900 worth of selectively cut trees from 50 acres of woodland. That sum was more than twice what the merchant had offered, and involved less than one-third of the trees. He would have "clear-cut" — taken every tree.

"You should never cut all your trees," the forester pointed out. "You take only the prime stuff, and next year and every year you have another crop to sell. You see, the trees you leave after each harvest will grow fast enough to meet part of the deficit from the cutting, year after

year. That's solid Tree Farm practice."

The professional woodsman then revealed even more astonishing profit sources for owners of trees who followed scientific woods management: The sawlogs themselves are only one of the valuable items of modern logging; the tops, branches, bark, and even sawdust have a rising cash value due to recent developments in the utilization of waste wood. Today, Joseph Killough, who gave several years to his country's defense, is happily established in a new way of life. It is a healthful, profitable life in the outdoors, valuable not only to Killough but to the economic stability of his homeland. For trees, remember, are one of America's most important resources, representing six percent of her national income. Thirty million of her 37 million homes are built of wood.

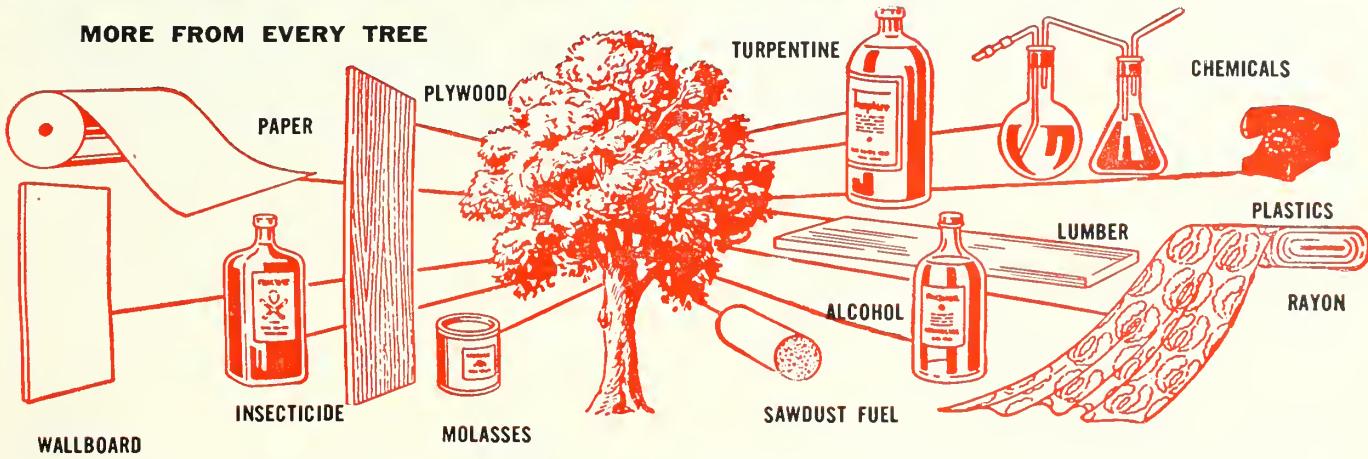
Killough is just one of thousands of Tree Farmers who own or operate more than 3,000 certified Tree Farms in America, with a total of nearly 24 million acres of timber. The American

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Joe Killough gives a sales talk to an appraising lumber merchant.

MORE FROM EVERY TREE



Trees provide the "makin's" of about 4,000 items, many of which cannot be recognized as wood in the end products.

HOW TO BECOME A TREE FARMER

If you have a woodlot, and wish to increase your income and help your country, call on your local forester, county or state agent for the Tree Farm System. A forester will inspect your trees, mark those ready for cutting (perhaps even suggest their best and most profitable use), and tell you what your woods need in the way of protection and replanting. You may have to build firebreaks and fences, remove too-close and diseased trees. The forester will give you an application to fill out. At a later inspection, if you've complied with all requirements, the State Forester (or other agent) will sign your Tree Farm Certificate.



A forester gives Joe the lowdown on soil.



Mrs. Killough gives Joe a hand in planting.

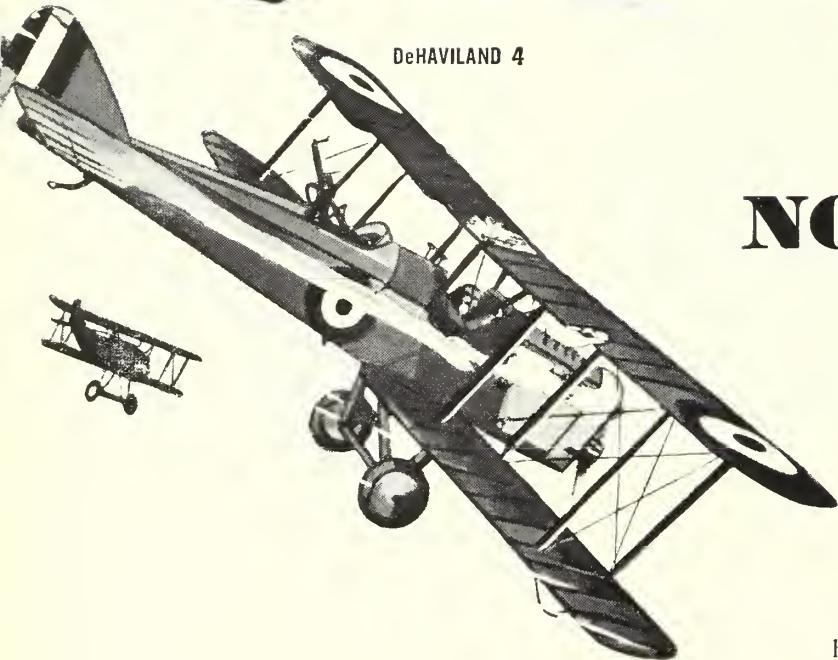
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NOW THAT WAS

If you want to talk about aces you have to go back to World War I, says this writer, who flew in that war and saw a lot of World War II air action.

have to go back nearly thirty-five years to get what the Old Timer was talking about.

For instance: Lieutenant Frank Luke, a scrappy character from Phoenix, Ariz. spent exactly nine flying days on the Western Front. He was mounted in a 120-m.p.h. Spad scout powered with a 130 h.p. engine. He was armed with two

A FEW WEEKS ago the nation was roaring its praise for one Captain James Jabara, the first air ace of the Korean war. Captain Jabara had shot down six enemy planes while flying with a first-class jet fighter group.

The Korean conflict had been on about a year when Jabara racked up his fifth and sixth victories in one day. No one else had been able to accomplish that much in nearly twelve months of air action.

"What's all the shouting about?" one World War I airmen demanded. "Why don't they look up a real air war? These present-day fly-boys are piloting crates that are supposed to do 600 miles an hour. They carry half-a-dozen .50 caliber machine guns and a rack of rockets that would crack Fort Knox. But it takes one year for one guy to qualify as an ace."

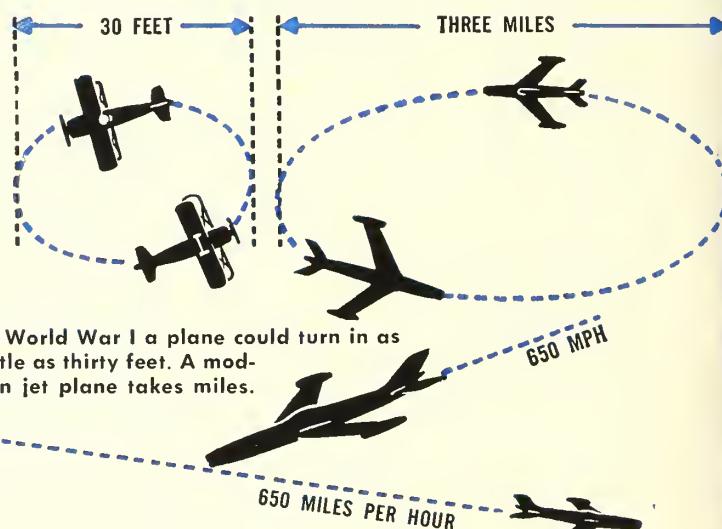
It was pointed out that since Jabara's success two more U. S. jet pilots have come through with a five-victory accolade.

"Five victories! So what? In 1917 I was in a Bristol Fighter Squadron on the Somme. We had eighteen planes, eighteen pilots and eighteen observers. More than a dozen of them had at least eleven victories, but not one of them ever got his name in the paper, so far as I can recall."

It was pointed out that times and wars have changed.

"These guys have everything," the Old Timer went on. "Radar, radio, armored cockpits, ejection seats and parachutes. If they go down there's another guy churning away to pick them up in a helicopter. On top of that, if we can believe what the news boys write, they are always piling into fifty or sixty enemy jets—but they have a tough time knocking one down! A scrap in which a couple of these red Migs are damaged is always good for a two-column story on the front page of every newspaper in the country. What sort of war is this, anyhow?"

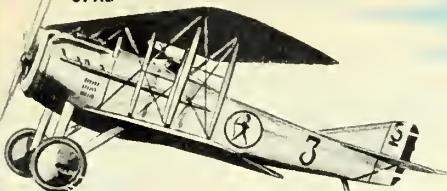
What sort of war was that 1917-1918 affair, indeed! We



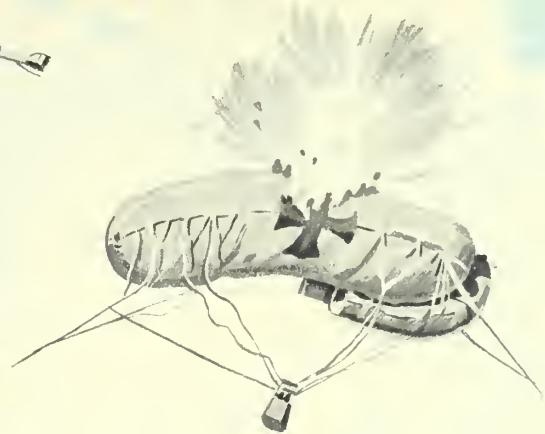
How can you draw a bead when you're moving at 650 mph?

rifle-caliber machine guns. Not much fire power, you'd say.

But in nine days of flying or approximately eighteen actual hours in the air, Frank Luke knocked down four enemy airplanes—and fourteen kite balloons. There were five or six other victorious engagements which have never been fully accounted for.



SOPWITH CAMEL



AN AIR WAR

BY ARCH WHITEHOUSE

• **Billy Bishop**• **Mickey Mannock**• **Frank Luke (center)**• **Rene Fonck**• **Baron Von Richthofen**

WORLD WAR I WAS THE TRUE ERA OF KNIGHTHOOD IN THE SKIES, AND HERE ARE SOME OF THE BEST KNOWN KNIGHTS.

These jaunty birdmen of the first World War downed scores of planes. Mickey Mannock, of the Royal Air Force, for example, destroyed no less than 73 enemy

aircraft. Billy Bishop, also of the Royal Air Force, is officially credited with 72. Frank Luke concentrated on German kite balloons, while Rene Fonck, the French-

man, downed six planes in an afternoon. The Germans too had their aces, and the most notable was the hard-hitting Baron Von Richthofen.

On September 18, 1918 Luke knocked off three balloons and two planes in less than ten minutes. The two planes and one balloon were actually falling at the same time.

They finally got Luke because he had a hate on observation kites. He was known as the Arizona Balloon Buster, because he picked on the toughest target the Jerrys had. Every balloon was important and heavily guarded with anti-aircraft guns. On September 27, 1918 Luke went down on his last kite and they shot his ship to splinters. He crash-landed in a churchyard cemetery inside the German lines.

He could have said: "Okay, Jerry! That's it. . . . You win!"

Instead he yanked out his automatic and shot it out with a platoon of infantrymen who had moved in to take him.

That was the end of Frank Luke, but while he lasted he sure put on a war.

Next, we can take Eddie Rickenbacker, probably the most fabulous character in American aviation. Rick was America's leading ace of World War I.

When Eddie started out he was hardly a ball of fire. For one thing he was getting on in years for a fighter pilot. He was on the wrong side of twenty-five when he was posted to No. 94 Squadron early in 1918. He took some little time getting started, but over a period of six months he destroyed twenty-six enemy aircraft, many of which were the ill-famed Fokker D-7. As a matter of fact, Rickenbacker's air

fighting career covered less than two months, since he was grounded with a serious ear condition resulting from a cold. He did no flying from May 30th to September 14th of that year. (Had Rick been available over the full six months of his overseas time it is dollars to doughnuts he would have been the leading ace of the whole war.)

Unlike Luke, who was brash, headstrong and spectacular, Rickenbacker was a most conservative operator. For one thing he seldom put on any frenzied stunting exhibitions. He never took unnecessary chances. He worked out every possible air problem before it came up. If he made a mistake he stayed in the air and shadow-boxed his way through all the maneuvers he might have used.

Then there was Mickey Mannock, probably the least-publicized air hero of the whole war. Mick was the Royal Air Force's original Hun-hater who in a few short weeks destroyed no less than 73 enemy aircraft. These victories were all confirmed and were official and no one knows how many more should be credited to him since he had a pleasant trick of taking young fledglings on instruction sorties in order to illustrate "how to get a Hun." Mickey always made it look as if his pupil had scored the victory, but his closest friends knew better.

It was while protecting one of these youngsters that Man-
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Checking a hearing aid. Patient, without seeing what brand it is, must tell how well it helps.

NEW WAYS TO HEAR BETTER

How science is helping the hard-of-hearing who were never helped enough by "just buying" a hearing aid.

By GEORGE WALTZ, JR.

If you or some member of your family should be hard of hearing and you decide to go to one of the hearing aid stores in your city to buy a hearing aid, just remember that the chances of being satisfied later when that aid is worn will be less than five out of ten:

If those odds seem low in these days of high-fidelity sound equipment and other modern electronic marvels, don't put all the blame on the hearing aid. The average hearing aid approved by the American Medical Association is a well-designed, and well-built, tiny public address system. The main reasons for dissatisfaction in many cases are the lack of careful trial under competent supervision before the aid is bought and lack of instruction in its use after it is bought.

Let's look at the case history of a typical hard-of-hearing person—one of

an estimated two million who could be helped by hearing aids, but who for some reason don't wear them. We'll call him Tom D.

A little over a year ago, Tom, coaxed by his wife and his boss, agreed that maybe he wasn't hearing as well as he should. He had to admit that he was missing conversation now and then and that he was apt to get a little mixed up when he was with a lot of people and could hear nothing but a babble of voices. After all, he told himself, I'm not as young as I used to be.

So, noticing an ad in his favorite paper, he visited a local hearing aid store. There he was waited on by a white-coated "acoustician." When Tom left, he had spent nearly \$200 and owned a bone-conduction hearing aid.

The only hitch was that Tom's

trouble was caused chiefly by impairment of ear nerves, which would be best helped by an air-conduction instrument that uses an earphone in the ear. The excellent gadget he had bought was designed for people with mechanical breakdown of the ear's sound transmission system. Tom bought a bone-conduction aid because the receiver could be hidden behind his ear.

Five months later Tom's hearing aid seldom left the cuff links and old key chains in his top bureau drawer, and whenever he was asked why he no longer wore his aid he would grunt, "Aw, those hearing gadgets aren't any good. Just a bother." In the end, nothing had been done to help Tom with his failing hearing and hearing aids in general had recruited another knocker.

To be sure, the treatment Tom got at his local hearing aid store isn't alto-

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gether typical, but something of the sort happens in far too many hearing aid purchases. Too many buyers of hearing aids will let the salesman be the doctor. Too many salesmen are willing to be the doctor. Few individual dealers handle more than one brand of aid, so the customer has no means of direct comparison and can be more readily "sold" a particular make. And, unfortunately, not many dealers will grant adequate home tests with a money-back guarantee if the instrument doesn't satisfy.

Trial and test are particularly important since there is no "best" hearing

how to use it and get the most out of it.

Hearing aid training — audiologists call it "auditory rehabilitation" — is important to the person with impaired hearing who is turning to a hearing aid for the first time. This was dramatically proved by tests that were held after the end of WW II at the Army Hearing Center at Borden General Hospital in Chickasha, Okla. Two groups of patients with about the same hearing losses were tested and given hearing aids — the types that were best for them. Then, wearing their new aids, they were given hearing tests. The average distance away that certain ordinary sounds could

of nine feet! That's what training did.

At the average hearing aid store, the hard of hearing person cannot get the personalized fitting that he needs. In most, he is given a hearing test and buys a hearing aid (period). Then, six months later, when he returns to complain that he doesn't feel that his aid is giving him all the help it should, he may go for the "latest" model and try to solve all of his hearing problems for \$162.25 plus his 'old' instrument.

What, then, is the answer? How is a person to get the right hearing aid, the right testing and training, and all the help he needs to enjoy the full value

VETERANS AT NEW YORK VA CLINIC RECEIVE THREE BASIC STEPS THAT GUARANTEE BEST RESULTS FROM HEARING DEVICES.



1. Medical exam fixes cause of hearing trouble. Here Dr. Daley inspects for polyps in nose, which can hurt hearing.



2. If a hearing aid can help, an exact fitting to the patient's ear will help more. Here a cast is made.



3. A proper hearing aid is just the beginning. Expert training in the use of devices (above) has actually doubled the ability to hear with modern ear gadgets.

aid for everyone. Because of slight variations in design and construction, a brand may be perfect on one person yet do little or no good and be uncomfortable on another. For some people, a model selling for under \$100 may be better than another costing several hundred. One of our best-known millionaires, for example, sports one of the cheapest hearing aids made, not because he hates to spend money, but because that aid feels more comfortable and seems to fit his hearing needs the best.

Aiding a person with impaired hearing means more than clipping a midget amplifier and microphone on his shirt and putting an earphone in his ear. If a hearing aid is to work well, the user must learn how to live with it. He must be educated to accept the fact that it is no more of a social stigma to wear a hearing aid than it is to wear glasses. He must be carefully conditioned to the fact that he needs an aid and he must be taught

be heard and understood by both groups was a trifle over nine feet. The first hearing aid group then was given a course in auditory training. The second group was not. Finally, when the first group had finished its schooling both groups were tested again. The "mean distance threshold" for the untrained group who had tried to adapt to their hearing aids by themselves had increased less than a foot. The "mean distance threshold" for the trained group had just about doubled — a gain

of modern ear devices? How can he be sure that the type of hearing impairment he has can be helped by a hearing aid?

Out of the marvelous pioneering work done by the military hearing centers during and since WW II have grown a number of "audiology clinics." At the moment, there aren't many of them and for the most part their facilities for handling large groups are small. At last count, there were 23 of these clinics, all associated with the VA, scattered throughout the country. But more such clinics can be established.

Typical of the existing clinics is the Hearing and Speech Center at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N. Y. It is headed up by Dr. Louis M. DiCarlo, a veteran of both WW I and II who had a hand in the hearing aid tests and special program that were conducted at Oklahoma's Borden General Hospital. At his Syracuse center, which is supported in part by funds made

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WHY LEGION MEMBERSHIP IS GOING UP

Membership for 1952 is on the upswing. Some reasons may be found in these excerpts from letters sent in by Legionnaires all over the country.



Ace salesman Gehant, left, (letter below) gets Legion dues from Lt. Governor Dixon of Illinois.

BY NOVEMBER, 1951, Legion membership for 1952 ran nearly 100,000 ahead of same date a year earlier.

Here we quote six of hundreds of letters on *How I Sell The Legion*, received from Legionnaires in response to a request published in Editors' Corner for July. They partially explain the sudden surge in membership.

We quote two of these letters at some length. These two are especially interesting in that the first does an outstanding job of accenting **SELL** and the other does an equally forceful job of accenting **LEGION**.

Editors

GENTLEMEN:

On the subject of *How I Sell the Legion*: The big thing is that the prospect must be asked directly to join. Phrases such as "Why don't you (or when are you going to) join the Legion?" are simply no good, being inconclusive and implying objections to be overcome. Instead, produce an application and ask the man to sign.

Do not deal with objections to the Legion unless he brings up the objection first. You may put objections in his mind that hadn't occurred to him. But if he does have a deep-rooted objection, by all means dispel it or you will never sign him. A good test of how

fixed an objection may be to skip over it the first time it is put forth. If he brings it up again, then is the time to deal with it.

Let your man know what the Legion has for *him*. Various things appeal to various people. Do not talk clubroom activity to a person who doesn't mix much. Better to speak of the patriotic duties of the Legion, or its welfare and service activities. Stress the stags, parades, etc., to the extrovert. To the family man mention veterans' aid and the child welfare program. Know your prospect first and fit your talk to him.

The Legion has plenty for everybody.

Do not rule out any eligible veteran until you have at least talked to him. The Legion has a tremendous appeal to many people in whom one wouldn't expect it. Some are too *proud* or *timid* to ask in. The same quirks that make them proud or shy often make them very, very good Legionnaires.

Objections are, surprisingly often, rooted in personalities rather than in information. The *self-important* type will often say: "I don't believe in the Legion." He too may make a good Legionnaire, because his urge for recognition may express itself in hard work. But he is much harder to handle

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Gentlemen:

Regarding tips on getting new members I would like to submit the following. Having had quite a few years of selling experience I feel I -- Also, I have signed up a considerable number of -- mind.

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than the person who is just naturally important without trying to be. With Mr. *Self-Important* your *attitude* counts more than anything you say. A well-turned compliment, a glimpse at a chance of some hard work resulting in Legion office, will ease your selling job.

The *argumentative* prospect may say: "What has the Legion ever done for me?" Even though you know the answer, don't argue with him. He'd like to start a row where he'd be the judge and you couldn't win. A lot of argumentative people are grand guys who get obtuse as a protective device. Under the skin they are impulsive, and know that when they are in a jolly mood they'll do almost anything for anybody.

So don't argue with Mr. *Argumentative*. Concentrate on building up a good mood in him, then shove the application blank under his nose while keeping the conversation on some other subject.

The *timid* prospect and the one who can't make up his mind may say: "I haven't the time—or the money," or "I never join organizations."

These are superficial objections and you can ignore them. He wants assurance that he is doing the wise thing, that the dues are worth the benefits, that be-



ing a Legionnaire is a good thing. Give him the facts and stick with him, and you'll sign him up. He'll keep trying to change the subject. Don't let him or he'll slip through your fingers.

Most important of all, *know your Legion*. If he gets the impression that you don't know what you're talking about, or aren't 100% Legion yourself, you won't sign him up. People are quick to spot incompetence and insincerity, and won't buy it.

Above all, don't ever, ever lie or make misleading statements. If you know your Legion you won't have to—for the Legion has something for every good American.

Very truly yours,
Francis C. Gehant
Dixon, Illinois

The letter below is from a message published to all the veteran students of the University of Miami by James P. Calhoun, law school student and member of Damon Runyon Post at Miami U. Calhoun, a campus leader, points out that college students are notably liberal and sometimes radical—but as he sees it they are after the truth and you can talk turkey to them, about the Legion or anything else.

HOW STANDS THE LEGION?

A message to Miami U. Students
by James P. Calhoun



CALHOUN

with our love of America.

Is it that we are "red-baiters?" We hate communism officially and individually, with all our hearts and souls. The path to freedom does not lead through the salt mines of Siberia, and Joe Stalin is no altruist. The kangaroo courts of Hungary and the blood-curdling slaughter of a million Ukrainian farmers tell

I asked a veteran student to join our Post. He said, "I don't like what the Legion stands for."

What does the Legion stand for that makes it unattractive to some? Is it the taunt that we are "flag-wavers?" We proudly proclaim our patriotism and trust no critic finds fault

Virgil C. Fields
Jay, Oklahoma

... To those who ask: "What has the Legion done for me?" I say: "Just gained for you all the veterans' benefits you may need later on. Be glad you haven't *needed* them yet. Meanwhile, how about giving a lift to the fellows who need help *now*?"

Lyman J. Smith
Tiskilwa, Illinois

... The best way I have found to put The American Legion across to another veteran is simply to explain that The American Legion is responsible for the GI Bill. It's surprising the number of veterans who have no knowledge of this.

E. L. Gott
Kingsport, Tennessee

... The most helpful "talk" on selling the Legion has been the national magazine that all members receive every month as part of their small dues, with its interesting stories of all the things the Legion means. I always let a prospect read a copy so he may see for himself. . . .

M. L. Hasell
Anaheim, California

... After listening to a prospect's "resistance talk" I ask if he'd give \$5 (our dues) to help a kid of a deceased veteran. He would. Then I explain the millions we spend on Child Welfare alone. Our soldiers always did, and our veterans still do, go for the down-trodden kids. . . .

a different, grisly story.

Some call us "fascists." We believe what we please and stand up to advertise it. When enough of us take a stand one way or another—that's a Legion stand. That is not fascism, it is American to the core.

We have fought and keep fighting for adequate citizen forces to defend us in these times when to be weak is to invite destruction, and some call us "imperialists, militarists and warmongers." All history shows that freedom, democracy and civil rights (not imperialism and conquest) live or die in critical times with the rise or fall of *citizen armies*. We were for Universal Military Training long before Korea, and our government openly credits the Legion as the major force in bringing about such preparedness as we are now realizing. Are we wrong in this?

We are *lobbyists*? Convictions are but empty words in the mouths of men of no action. Veterans assistance stands high in the list of Legion objectives. Like the unions, the other lobbies, our armed forces and our nation, we believe that in union there is strength. We unite in action to get the jobs done, to build adequate hospitals for the disabled, to drum up blood for those who will die without it. The laws making veterans'

attendance at Miami University possible came directly from The American Legion, which drafted the original proposals and shepherded the GI Bill through Congress. Surely, one benefiting here on this campus from what the Legion stands for does not oppose what the Legion stands for!

Not all Legion time, energy and money is devoted to our own selfish ends. In 1950, while some of our members worked in flood evacuation, others served their communities and their less fortunate comrades, ran youth activities, aided needy children, sent millions of toys to children abroad. We did not check to see if those we helped were Legionnaires. To those who needed it, we gave what we could.

Wherein lies our fault? Is it the very fact that we take stands? Should we let each member raise his voice in the land alone? So many of us see the need for concerted effort, we could not disband the Legion if we wished. Our members would re-form to protect not only themselves but their fellow-citizens.

We would enlist the courage of the veteran who speaks up about issues. We are his kind of men. If he prefers to travel alone, more power to him; but the Legion latchstring is always within his reach.



PRISONER OF WAR

The Army insisted he was a nazi masquerading as a GI, and he had to insult the brass to prove otherwise.

By JACK EICHOLZ

Beamesderfer displayed this big grin right after the Army apologized for locking him up as a POW.

OF ALL THE misadventures of World War II, none is more fascinating than the episode which saw a fun-loving United States Army corporal held as a German prisoner of war by the American Army.

It began while Corporal Gilbert J. Beamesderfer was leading a squad of men against an enemy position near Nancy, France in 1944. As the squad closed in, a Jerry machine gun opened up with a staccato clatter. The men scattered for cover, lead pellets kicking up the dirt around their feet.

Beamesderfer saw a ditch about twenty feet to his right. Crouching low, he made for it on the double. To his dismay he found that the hole was already occupied by an oversized member of the German Army. Beamesderfer clamped his left hand over the muzzle of the Jerry's rifle, pushing the weapon aside as it went off. He threw himself on top of the huge German, jerking out his trench knife at the same time. Locking horns in a life-and-death struggle, the two men rolled over and over in the narrow confines of the crater.

The battle ended as abruptly as it had begun. Panting, Beamesderfer rose to his knees. The German was dead, fatally punctured by the trench knife. Beams-

derfer's left hand, badly mangled from the gunshot, was bleeding profusely.

"Medic," he yelled. "Medic!"
"Over here."

Crawling toward the voice, he found the corpsman parked in the ditch on the other side of the narrow dirt road. The man took one look at the shattered hand and whistled between his teeth.

"You're going to be a rear echelon Johnny for awhile. Know where the battalion aid station is?"

Beamesderfer nodded. After the medic bandaged his hand, he started for the rear, crawling, then walking. The trek through the dense woods was tiring. When he finally reached the aid station, feeling dizzy from loss of blood, dusk had already set in. The weary medic in charge examined the hand and put Beamesderfer into an ambulance with another wounded soldier. As the bumpy ride to the evacuation hospital began, he blacked out.

When Beamesderfer regained consciousness, he found himself between clean, white sheets. His hand was swathed in new bandage and adhesive tape. The gray-walled hospital ward-room was crowded with narrow cots, most of them occupied. The watch on his right wrist was still running. It was just after midnight.

Two men stood nearby, talking. One of them was a mere boy, blond and clean shaven. The other, about fifty, was thin and tired-looking.

"I will eat now," the older man said.
"I will return soon."

Startled, Beamesderfer sat up in bed. The man had been talking in German! An offspring of German-born parents, his knowledge of the Teutonic tongue

was excellent. He called to the blond German.

"Kommen Sie her, bitte." Surprised, the man moved toward him.

"You speak German?"
"Ja. Wo bin Ich?"
"The American hospital."
"What are you doing here?" Beamesderfer asked.

"I am an orderly. I was taken prisoner nine days ago. I have volunteered to work here."

They carried on the German conversation for a few minutes. The ward nurse, an American lieutenant, was passing by. She stopped.

"He is German?" she asked, pointing. The orderly nodded.

"We will put him in another ward tomorrow," the nurse said.

"Yeah, Lieutenant," Beamesderfer grinned. "Put me in with the big brass."

Enjoying his own joke, he fell asleep. It was the best slumber he had had in many months. When he awoke, daylight was slanting in through the windows. The ward nurse was pushing a thermometer into his mouth. He was hazy about things.

"What time is it?" he asked. The nurse ignored his question, asked with surprise:

"Oh, so you speak English?"
"Certainly," he growled. Hunger pains were gnawing at his stomach.
"When do I eat?"

"Not now. You're going to the operating room."

As the nurse wheeled him down the hall, Beamesderfer began to sing a German folk-song that his mother had taught him. He was still feeling light



Weak from loss of blood, Beamesderfer crawled and walked through the dense woods to the aid station.

ILLUSTRATION BY GEORGE KANELOUS

headed and giddy. He was like a drunk who knew he was talking too much, but couldn't do anything about it.

A white-garbed surgeon, an American major, bent over him when he entered the operating room. "How do you feel?" he asked in GI German.

"Wunderbar."

"For you the war is over," the major said.

Beamesderfer was enjoying himself again. It wasn't every day that a mere corporal was given the chance to pull the leg of a major.

"Ja, ja," he agreed, laughing. "I am glad."

The nurse, moving in with an anesthetic mask, put an end to the conversation.

When Beamesderfer came around, he found himself in a wardful of wounded Germans. His first thought was that he had been captured.

"Hey," he yelled at an American lieutenant who was passing by, "what goes on?"

"Take it easy," the lieutenant said. "You're among your kraut-eating friends."

Beamesderfer was speechless for several minutes. What had begun as a huge joke no longer seemed funny. The brass really did think he was a Jerry. He had been picked up in an American uniform. He would be considered a spy and maybe . . .

"Orderly," he yelled, suddenly finding voice. "Get me out of here!"

He kept yelling. During the next two days, Beamesderfer talked to every officer in the hospital. They all listened but were skeptical.

"Quite a yarn," a captain marveled. "We pick up a lot of you Krauts in American uniform. But how do you all learn to speak English so well?"

"How about your dog tags?" asked a lieutenant. "You didn't have any."

Beamesderfer was mollified. "I'm a wise guy," he said. "I never wear them."

They looked through his clothes. The pockets turned out items that could easily have been confiscated by any German soldier. Finally, Beamesderfer talked to a colonel who was more agreeable.

"We'll check," he said. "You claim you belong to I Company of the 320th Regiment?"

"Yes, sir. The 35th Division."

"All right. I'll send through channels for a service record."

A few days later, the sad story came back. The 320th had suffered heavy casualties. Personnel was in an uproar. Beamesderfer's service record was among those that couldn't be found.

"This happens only in the movies," he wailed.

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IT SAYS IN THE BOOK

Would you like to make your own car, TV set, plane?
(All you need are a few parts you can find anywhere.)

By HENRY GREGOR FELSEN



AM LOOKING for the fellow who wrote the instruction book for Cub Scouts. I have the first and second fingers of my right hand spread wide, like the ears of an alert animal, and when I find this writer I am going to poke him in both eyes unless he produces that steering wheel at once. Then I'm going to let my fingernails grow for the next victim on my list, a lady who writes "how-to" articles that my wife reads.

My son became a Cub Scout last February, a time when the good Iowa ground was covered with a couple of feet of crusted snow, the mercury was a foot below zero, and a gale imported from Minnesota was cutting down trees like Paul Bunyan with a power saw.

"Dad," my son reported from underneath a snappy salute, "I am going to build this car in my Wolf book."

"Out of what?" I asked, feeding the last of the toothpicks into the wood stove.

"I figure that if I take the wheels off my wagon, break up my sled for wood, use the banisters for supports and the steps to the basement for boards, I can

make a dandy push-car." Smiling the boy showed me the picture of a vehicle the first plans of which had been drawn on cave walls by pre-historic hunters caught in monsoons.

"Very interesting," I said, "but impractical. According to this sketch, you need an automobile steering wheel, and we need the one we have on the car. Why not help your mother dry the dishes instead?"

"But Pa," the boy shrilled, "you don't understand. The steering wheel is the easiest part. It says in the Wolf book that you're supposed to use an old steering wheel that you find on an auto dump. Let's go."

"Go?"

"To the auto dump," he said impatiently, "to get our steering wheel."

I look at the book, and what my little clean and brave boy had told me was true. Go down to the dump, the book said, and get that old discarded steering wheel that is lying there.

Well, I finally had to use violence to convince my young man that I was not going out in a gale at thirty below zero to locate a dump and flounder through snowdrifts (Continued on page 59)

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RAYMOND FAVATA

Busy 3-Day Session of National Executive Committee Plans 1952 Programs and Activities for the Legion

Following up vigorously the actions of the National Convention at Greater Miami in October, the National Executive Committee at its meeting on November 18-20 tightened the lines in formulating specific Legion programs and activities for 1952.

Rehabilitation, National Security and Americanism, three basic programs, in the order named but without priority of any one, were named as the Number 1 legislative program. Primary objectives in each field called for a full realization of all the Legion mandates, emphasizing the need for continued vigilance in retaining legislation now in effect for the care and treatment of veterans; vigorous opposition to such portions of the Hoover Commission Report as adversely affect veterans; enactment of final legislation necessary to make the Universal Military Training law effective; a sound Civil Defense program with plans, operating finances and equipment, all to be made available to the States, and a continued and strengthened Americanism program, reaffirming the Legion's unalterable opposition to communism.

The regular three-day meeting, presided over by National Commander Donald R. Wilson, followed immediately the annual three-day Conference of Department Commanders and Adjutants with the high command of all the continental Departments and several foreign Departments present.

Major attention was given to the internal affairs of the organization in all its phases, and a close scrutiny was made of the currently authorized wide-flung programs and activities. Following so closely on the meeting of the National Convention, meetings of the National Standing Commissions and Committees were held to a minimum, but with sufficient representation of each group to conduct a review and present a clear and concise report. The National Finance Commission, chairmanned by William J. Dwyer, Cortland, New York, after almost a full week of continuous sessions presented a carefully compiled operating budget of \$5,029,512 for 1952. The budget was approved by the National Executive Committee.

Draft Non-Veterans First

Taking up the cudgel on behalf of all fighting men and women of WW2, the National Executive Committee demanded that all physically able male non-veterans between the ages of 19 and 34 years be drafted into active military service for 24 months before any combat veteran or veterans who served more than 12 months in time of war, be recalled to duty. It also asked that veterans

who have served less than 12 months be credited with the time served against the 24 months of required service in case they are recalled.

Further, on recommendation of the National Security Commission, the National Executive Committee urged Congress to avoid placing mandatory limitations on the number or movement of American armed forces during the present emergency. It called for an exemption from all Federal income taxes of the first \$2,500 of military pay of personnel of the Armed Forces.

Among other highlight actions was a demand for immediate Government action to bring about the release of John Hvasta, Hillside, New Jersey, WW2 veteran and college student under the GI Bill, now in prison in red Czechoslovakia under a 10-year term on spy charges.

Control of Subversives

Following the report of the Americanism Commission by Chairman Luke Crispe, a series of resolutions was adopted calling for tightened Government control of subversive elements in our country, particularly communists. The Department of Justice was called upon to formulate lawful plans for the quarantine of all persons whose activities indicate they would participate in sabotage and armed treason against the United States in event of war with

C. W. ARDERY RETIRES AS 40 AND 8 CORRESPONDANT

After a full thirty years in the service of the Voiture Nationale, La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux (40 and 8), Charles W. Ardery has retired as Correspondant National. Announcement was made at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Cheminots National at the National Headquarters at Indianapolis on November 14. He reached the retirement age on November 27. He will be succeeded as Correspondant National by Harold V. Haines, Cedar Lake, Indiana, who served as Chef de Chemin de Fer during the 1950-51 term.

Voyageur Ardery took up his duties on December 1, 1921, as Assistant Correspondant National, and three years later, in 1924, was advanced to Correspondant National. His service was broken by three years in the Army during WW2. The 40 and 8, however, will not lose the benefit of his long experience. Arrangements were made whereby he was retained in the Headquarters office in an advisory capacity.

Russia. It was further recommended that no release on bail be granted communists convicted of crimes comparable to treason and urged that the advocating and teaching of the overthrow of the Government by force be classed as a crime comparable to treason. The American Bar Association was commended for its forthright action to proceed locally to disbar lawyers associated with the communist party or with subversive activities, and called for the prompt completion of membership of the Subversive Activities Control Board authorized by the Internal Security Act of 1950.

Another resolution called upon all State educational institutions to withdraw from tax-supported schools all textbooks which fail to be objective in the presentation of doctrines that would change our form of government, or which are subversive or un-American.

A positive program of teaching the workings of our Government, embodied in American Legion Government Days, which originated in South Dakota where Boys' and Girls' Staters join with Legionnaires, school faculty members and public officials in a high school study of city and county government. The plan was approved by merging and consolidating its features with the Boys and Girls County Government program, which originated in Nebraska and which has been accepted by other Departments.

Protest VA Bed Reduction

In considering rehabilitation matters, the National Executive Committee demanded that the Veterans' Administration be declared an essential defense agency and be entitled to priority equal to the highest granted to any department or agency of the Government. A protest was voiced against the gradual reduction of the number of beds which the VA has under contract with other Federal agencies, States and private institutions and urged the Congress, the Bureau of the Budget and the VA to make provisions for retaining and acquiring such suitable contracts for beds.

The Congress, the Bureau of the Budget and the VA were urged to provide sufficient funds for the maintenance at all VA hospitals of adequate installations, buildings and equipment essential to a high-grade program of medical and hospital care so that hospitalization of veterans will not deteriorate through failure to make necessary repairs and replacements.

Area Rehabilitation Conferences were authorized for each of the five areas, and the annual National Rehabilitation Conference was called to be held at Washington, D. C., March 4-7.

Bright spot in the series of reports and resolutions presented was the final report of Joe H. Adams, Miami, President of the 1951 National Convention Corporation, who prefaced his report by reporting that the 1951 Convention had been a financial success. President Adams presented National Commander Wilson with a check for \$48,552.63 in full repayment of all Convention expenses of the national organization.

He also reported that he had returned to the State of Florida \$25,000 of the \$50,000 advanced to underwrite the cost of the Convention, and that though absolved from further payment by a formal resolution of the Governor's Cabinet, an additional \$15,000 would be paid to the State when the final accounts were cleared. In the resolution, the Cabinet recited that among other benefits of the Convention the gasoline and 3-percent sales tax in Florida jumped up more than \$100,000 during the month of October, and that the Legionnaires attending the Convention were responsible for the biggest part of the increase.

Two invitations were presented to the national governing body for the 1952 National Convention — New York City's invitation was presented by Royal W. Ryan, Executive Vice President of the New York Convention and Visitors' Bureau, the dates to be August 24-28. Ohio's National Executive Committeeman Aaron Halloran presented an invitation from Cleveland, fixing the dates for August 31-September 4 as the time when Cleveland hotels could care for the great influx of Legionnaire conventioners.

Both invitations were taken under consideration and National Commander Donald R. Wilson was given authority to select the 1952 convention city.

Past National Vice Commander Dave H. Fleischer, of St. Louis, Missouri, offered his home city as the place for the 1953 convention. This invitation was in line with the recommendation of the National Convention Commission that the places for the convention be selected two years in advance in order to give time for adequate planning.

A long step toward bringing the annual National Convention within attendance reach of the greatest number of members was effected when the National

Executive Committee reduced the minimum housing requirements from 8,000 rooms to 4,000. This action makes it possible for Midwestern cities to enter their bids for the annual conclave, and take the Convention out of the fringe areas on the seaboard. One immediate result of the action in lowering housing requirements was to spur Cleveland to bid for the 1952 meeting. It also puts such cities as Kansas City, Denver, Louisville, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh in position to ask for the Convention.

Committees Appointed

The final act of the three-day session was the report of the Committee on Committees, presented by the Chairman, Dr. P. E. Kercheval of West Virginia. This report embraced the appointment of officers and members of the National Commissions and Committees for the 1951-52 Legion year, running up to some thousands of Legionnaires from all parts of the country. The report was adopted by the National Executive Committee and the appointments were confirmed. Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the several groups are as follows:

Americanism Commission — Chairman, James F. Daniel, Jr., Greenville, South Carolina; Vice Chairmen, Daniel C. Hartbauer, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Herman Lark, Steelville, Missouri, and Robert R. Wright, Ironwood, Michigan.

Accident Prevention Committee — Chairman, Owen C. Holleran, Washington, D. C.; Vice Chairmen, George J. Kaiseratt, Farmington, Minnesota; Ben T. Watkins, Macon, Georgia, and Eugene W. Biscailuz, Los Angeles, California.

Boys' State Committee — Chairman, Harry M. Gambrel, Kansas City, Missouri; Vice Chairmen, Taylor P. Reynolds, San Fernando, California, and Harry Anderson, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania.

Marksmanship Committee — Director, George Sweeney, Atlanta, Georgia; Assistant Director, Charles Sante, Wyoming, Pennsylvania.

Un-American Activities Committee — Chairman, Paul Selecky, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Vice Chairmen, J. E. Martie, Reno, Nevada, and Leonard L. Jackson, Clarks, Louisiana.

Sons of The American Legion Committee — Chairman, Joe Kise, Moorhead, Minnesota; Vice Chairman, Homer Wright, Jr., Louisa, Kentucky.

Child Welfare Commission — Chairman, Dr. A. H. Wittmann, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Vice Chairman, David V. Addy, Detroit, Michigan; Area Chairmen, Area A, William E. Campbell, Wollaston, Mass.; Area B, John C. Donovan, Washington, D. C.; Area C, E. Henry Cappelman, Columbia, South Carolina; Area D, Harry T. Fuller, Mitchell, South Dakota, and Area E, Edward G. Hobbs, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Education of Orphans of Veterans Committee — Chairman, Amos O. Hughes, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Vice Chairmen, Hart Snyder, Spokane, Washington; Harry H. Hansbrough, Jr., Louisville, Kentucky, and Harry Straley, Richwood, West Virginia.

Convention Commission — Chairman, Frank E. Brigham, Florence Villa, Florida; Vice Chairman, George H. Stott, Larchmont, New York.

Contests Supervisory Committee — Chairman, Norton R. Ganger, Miami, Florida; Vice Chairman, L. C. Baker, Chicago, Illinois.

Distinguished Guests Committee — Chairman, A. L. Starshak, Chicago, Illinois; Vice Chairmen, Nathaniel Spear, Jr., New York, N. Y.; John Hale Hackley, Chicago, Illinois; Earl Coffman, Palm Springs, California; Edward J. Barrett, Springfield, Illinois; Colonel Jacob Arvey, Chicago, Illinois; Jerry J. Brown, New York, N. Y.; Charles Rochester, New York, N. Y.; General Frank Schwengel, New York, N. Y.; Dr. Martin Spellman, Boston, Mass.; Glenwood J. Sherrard, Boston, Mass.; John Ford, Hollywood, California; John J. Wicker, Jr., Richmond, Virginia, and Harry Moses, Gary, West Virginia.

Transportation Committee — Chairman, William C. Faricy, Washington, D. C.; Vice Chairmen, William P. Erxenbien, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Frank M. Wilson, Jacksonville, Florida; Paul M. Brown, Shreveport, Louisiana; J. T. Garbett, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; F. G. Fitz-Patrick,

Chicago, Illinois, and Philip Resnick, Portland, Maine.

Economic Commission — Chairman, Lawrence J. Fenlon, Chicago, Illinois; Vice Chairman, Seymour M. Heilbron, New York, N. Y.

Agricultural and Conservation Committee — Chairman, Henry Hornhorst, Hazelton, Idaho; Vice Chairmen, Harry V. Groome, Riverton, New Jersey, and Albert E. Rozar, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Employment Committee — Chairman, John L. Connors, Hartford, Conn.; Vice Chairmen, John B. Brock, Adairsville, Georgia; Thomas Plummer, Paoli, Pennsylvania; Peter S. Miravalle, St. Louis, Missouri, and N. P. Peterson, Bremerton, Washington.

Labor Relations Committee — Industry, Fred G. Fraser, Washington, D. C.; Labor, James S. Steinor, Westbrook, Conn.

Housing Committee — Chairman, Thomas Moses, Charleston, West Virginia; Vice Chairmen, William E. Smith, Flushing, New York, and William Elkins, Killeen, Texas.

Veterans Preference Committee — Chairman, Raymond R. McEvoy, Stoughton, Mass.; Vice Chairmen, J. Dayton Smith, Las Vegas, Nevada; Norman D. Dunbar, Los Angeles, California; Sidney Dodd, Statesboro, Georgia, and Paul R. Sine, Perkasie, Pennsylvania.

Finance Commission — Chairman, William J. Dwyer, Cortland, New York; Vice Chairman, Harold P. Redden, Springfield, Mass.

Emblem Committee — Chairman, Julius Levy, Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Vice Chairman, Emery L. O'Connell, Arvada, Colorado.

Investments Policy Committee — Chairman, Albert E. McCormick, Mountain Lakes, New Jersey.

Overseas Graves Decoration Trust — Chairman, Donald R. Wilson, Indianapolis, Indiana; Vice Chairman, Erle Cocke, Jr., Dawson, Georgia; Treasurer, Neal Grider, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Secretary, Henry H. Dudley, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Foreign Relations Commission — Chairman, Rogers Kelley, Edinburg, Texas; Vice Chairmen, Leon Happel, Stockton, California; Charles A. Gonsler, Spokane, Washington, and Chester Trumbo, Arlington, South Dakota.

Inter-American Committee — Chairman, Warren H. Atherton, Stockton, California.

Internal Affairs Commission — Chairman, Ralph A. Johnson, Coeburn, Virginia; Vice Chairmen, Max R. Brents, El Centro, California, and Ben Holmes, Cullman, Alabama.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee — Chairman, Samuel M. Birnbaum, New York, N. Y.; Vice Chairmen, Turner M. Rudesill, Rapid City, South Dakota, and W. Elliott Nefflin, Arlington, Virginia.

Graves Registration and Memorial Committee — Chairman, Mancel B. Talcott, Waukegan, Illinois; Vice Chairman, Harry G. Miller, El Dorado, Arkansas.

Membership and Post Activities Committee — Chairman, James E. Powers, Macon, Georgia; Vice Chairmen, Francis R. Heher, Las Vegas, Nevada; W. I. Brunton, Scottsburg, Indiana; Arthur R. Choppin, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; John P. Arnold, Shawnee, Oklahoma; Irvin R. Snyder, Tujunga, California, and Louis Nagy, Monongahela, Pennsylvania.

Pilgrimage Committee — Chairman, David E. Kisliuk, Washington, D. C.; Vice Chairmen, Walter F. Morgan, Jr., Washington, D. C., and Francis Miller, Silver Spring, Maryland.

NAMES OF SEAGRAM POST CAR WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Three Legionnaires and one Auxiliare were winners of the four Ford cars awarded by Seagram Posts, The American Legion, at the 33rd annual National Convention in Greater Miami. They are:

Michael Rush, Peters Post No. 648, Ashkun, Illinois.

Hugh P. Barger, Hammond Post No. 3, Kingsport, Tennessee.

Herschel Nelson, Waite-Westrum-Skovlund Post No. 200, Bruce, South Dakota.

Mrs. Isabel Boyle, Canady Hull Unit No. 341, Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

MARCH 4-7 SET FOR REHAB MEETING IN WASHINGTON

The annual National Rehabilitation Conference of The American Legion will be held at Washington, D. C., on March 4-7. These dates were confirmed by the National Executive Committee at its November meeting.

According to plans formulated, a pre-conference meeting of the Rehabilitation Executive Committee will be held on March 3. Immediately following the conclusion of the Conference, on March 7, the full National Rehabilitation Commission with its Insurance and Medical Advisory Boards will go into session.

Resolutions Assignment Committee—Chairman, Charles W. Griffith, Manning, South Carolina; Vice Chairmen, Salvatore A. Capodice, N. Hollywood, California, and Harry Benoit, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Trophies, Awards and Ceremonial Committee—Chairman, Joseph S. McCracken, Kingston, Pennsylvania; and Vice Chairman, D. Trotter Jones, Birmingham, Alabama.

National Legislative Commission—Chairman, Jerome Duggan, St. Louis, Missouri; Vice Chairmen, George L. Cleere, Montgomery, Alabama; Lynn G. Peterson, Los Angeles, California, and Charles M. Blackburn, Versailles, Kentucky.

Publications Commission—Chairman, John Stelle, Brazil, Indiana; Vice Chairmen, Dan Emmett, Gardnerville, Nevada, and Earl L. Meyer, Alliance, Nebraska.

National Public Relations Commission—Chairman, Herman F. Luhrs, Birmingham, Michigan; Vice Chairmen, Alfred E. Howes, Clarksburg, W. Va.; Frank J. Becker, Lynbrook, New York; Ward W. Husted, Laramie, Wyoming, and Joe Adams, Miami, Florida.

Rehabilitation Commission—Chairman, Earl V. Cliff, Ortonville, Minnesota; Vice Chairmen, Dr. N. R. Booher, Indianapolis, Indiana, and John S. Gleason, Jr., Chicago, Illinois, Area Chairmen, Area A, Frederick M. Browning, Providence, Rhode Island; Area B, Everett E. Borton, Wilmington, Delaware; Area C, Edmund H. Martin, Ocala, Florida; Area D, George W. Rulon, Fargo, North Dakota, and Area E, Guy J. Gaston, Phoenix, Arizona.

National Security Commission—Chairman, Bruce P. Henderson, Warren, Ohio; Vice Chairmen, Frank L. Greenya, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Seaborn P. Collins, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Patrick P. Petrone, Chicago, Illinois.

Aeronautics Committee—Chairman, Roscoe Turner, Indianapolis, Indiana; Vice Chairmen, Perez F. Brautigam, Chicago, Illinois, and Jack K. Evans, Washington, D. C.

Civil Defense Committee—Chairman, Niel R. Allen, Grants Pass, Oregon; Vice Chairmen, J. Strom Thurmond, Aiken, South Carolina, and Albert J. Mills, Key West, Florida.

Merchant Marine Committee—Chairman, Henry C. Parke, Brooklyn, New York; Vice Chairmen, Roy O. Garber, Des Moines, Iowa; Merle E. Schad, Princeville, Illinois, and W. W. Walsh, Red Cliff, Colorado.

Military Affairs Committee—Chairman, Ed J. Zoble, Casper, Wyoming; Vice Chairmen, Frank E. Moore, Douglas, Arizona, and Gen. H. Miller Ainsworth, Luling, Texas.

Naval Affairs Committee—Chairman, Arthur F. Duffy, Queens Village, New York; Vice Chairmen, Frederick P. O'Connell, Kennebunkport, Maine; Emmett G. Lenihan, Seattle, Washington, and Admiral Randall Jacobs, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

National Security Training Committee—Chairman, Granville S. Ridley, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; Vice Chairmen, E. Ralph James, Hampton, Virginia; Jack A. Porter, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Edward R. Bentley, Lakeland, Florida.

Law and Order Committee—Chairman, George Mingle, Columbus, Ohio; Vice Chairman, Homer W. McDaniel, Dunkirk, Indiana.

Special Public Participation Program Committee—Co-Chairmen, John Stelle, McLeansboro, Illinois; Harry Colmery, Topeka, Kansas.

Texas Legion Building

Contracts have been let for plans for the new Legion Headquarters building at Austin, Texas, to the firm of Kuehne, Brooks and Barr, who with Bertram E. Giesecke (who died before completion), designed the Legion building in Washington. The building site is near the Texas State Capitol at Austin, and it is expected that actual construction will start soon.

Home for Korea Vet

Thanks to three service organizations—War Dads, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars—Harvey Haats, Willmar, Minnesota, who was blinded in action in Korea, has a brand new home. Presentation was made on Armistice Day in a ceremony at the Legion club house.

The American Legion to Launch New \$30,000 Puzzle Contest to Support Vet Aid Program

The American Legion on February 1 will launch the 1952 drive for funds to support its important Veterans' Service Program with a new \$30,000 Puzzle Contest.

Topping the list of 1024 prizes to be awarded is a First Prize of \$10,000 in cash. The American Legion Puzzle Contest is in many ways different from any other contest ever held in this country. There's no special knowledge required to enter—no past experience in solving puzzle necessary. Anyone can win by using everyday common sense—and that includes you.

Another interesting feature of the contest is its extreme simplicity. There is only one puzzle to solve and you are allowed three attempts to find the winning solution with every contribution of \$1.00 to the Legion's Veterans' Service Fund. The more you help a vet by increasing your donation—the greater number of opportunities you have to win.

This new contest is part of a larger program dedicated to the tremendous task of raising funds vitally needed to carry on the four bulwarks of American Legion programming—Veterans' Rehabilitation, Child Welfare, National Security and Americanism. Subsequent contests will be devoted to each of these phases of Legion activities.

Official entry blanks and complete instructions—everything you need to enter the Legion's \$30,000 Puzzle Contest

RUSSELL HOLT RETIRES; DEAN OF AD STAFF

Russell Holt, for twenty years a member of the advertising staff of *The American Legion Magazine*, reached the retirement age in December and was placed on the retirement roll as of December 31. He joined the advertising staff in 1931, and through the years of his service rolled up a top-notch record in advertising contracts—in many years standing in first place in the volume of business secured. He has been connected with the New York offices, and has his home at North Tarrytown, New York. A high tribute was paid to him by the Publications Commission at its meeting in Miami in October when his approaching retirement was announced.

—will appear in the February issue of *The American Legion Magazine*. Read the exciting details. We know you'll want to support the Legion's Veterans' Service Program—and you may be the one to win the \$10,000 cash First Prize.

Members Build Post Home

George R. Bean Post No. 401, South Weymouth, Massachusetts, youngest in the District, will in January dedicate a new club house built by its 88 members.

NORTH DAKOTA POST COLLECTS CLOTHES FOR KOREA



An American Legion Post, Auxiliary Unit, three transportation companies and the U. S. Navy united to deliver some 25,000 pounds of clothing to Korea for the relief of distressed civilians. The clothes, and more than \$1,000 in cash, were collected by the Legion Post and Unit No. 26 at Minot, North Dakota. Free transportation from Minot to Seattle was furnished by Dakota Transfer Co., Minot; United Transfer Company, Havre, Mon-

tana, and Consolidated Freightways, Seattle, Washington. The cargo was carried by Navy ship from Seattle to Korea. Pictured above, left to right, are Carl W. Curtis, Seattle Terminal Manager, Consolidated Freightways; Rear Admiral Allan E. Smith, USN, who accepted the consignment, and Harry L. Cole, Washington Department Commander, who presented the clothing for the North Dakota outfit.

Clarksburg's Biggest Crowd Welcomes New National Commander in Great Homecoming

November twelfth was a red-letter day in the history of Clarksburg, West Virginia. That was the day when more than 65,000 people—a crowd greater than the city population—squeezed into the downtown section of the city to give a tremendous welcome home to their own Donald R. Wilson, newly elected National Commander of The American Legion.

West Virginia Legionnaires turned out en masse to pay honor to the Mountain State's second National Commander of the organization, and their number was augmented by hundreds from neighboring Departments—while homefolks from the whole area swelled the throng that filled the streets of the Jewel of the Hills from early morning until late at night.

It was a two-fold celebration. National Commander Wilson came home for the day, and it was also the day on which Clarksburg officially observed Armistice Day. The whole affair was sponsored by Roy E. Parrish Post No. 13—a Legion unit which now shares with Capitol Post No. 1, Topeka, Kansas, the honor of having given two National Commanders to this greatest of all veterans' organizations.

Commander Gets Cheers

Commander Wilson flew in from Washington, where he had spoken at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and had taken part in other Armistice Day ceremonies the previous day. His arrival was timed for the opening of the festivities, and the thunderous roll of cheers as he progressed through the streets at the head of the parade attested the pride of Clarksburg and West Virginia in the home-town boy who has made good.

Highlighting the gigantic homecoming was a 22-division parade which stretched along the streets for nearly three miles. Police Chief M. F. Jordan, First Sergeant J. M. Johnson of the State Police and Sheriff Fitzhugh Reynolds, with their staffs, handled the tremendous crowd and the traffic problems smoothly and without an untoward incident. They estimated the throng at 65,000 and expressed the opinion that, with the possible exception of the notification ceremonies for John W. Davis after his nomination for President in 1924, it was the biggest gathering ever held within the city.

The weatherman was kind—even generous. Not much more could have been asked, with a bright sun shining down throughout the whole day.

Immediately after the conclusion of the parade more than 3,000 persons, a capacity crowd, flowed into Carmichael Auditorium for the official welcoming ceremony and to hear Commander Wilson deliver his first address since his election in his home town. General Chairman W. G. Stathers, one of the five West Virginia Department Com-

manders elected from Roy E. Parrish Post, acted as Master of Ceremonies. The official welcoming addresses were delivered by Commander Sam B. Kyle, Jr., of Roy E. Parrish Post; City Manager J. Frank Wiseman; Mrs. S. H. Stone, Department President, American Legion Auxiliary; W. Brent Poling, Grand Chef de Gare, 40 and 8; Tommy E. Jones, West Virginia Department Commander; George B. Boland, Omaha, Nebraska, Chef de Chemin de Fer, 40 and 8, and Hon. William C. Marland, Attorney General of West Virginia, representing Governor Okey L. Patteson.

Past National Commander Louis Johnson, fellow-townsman and fellow-member of Roy E. Parrish Post, for whom a similar homecoming was accorded after his election at Portland, Oregon, nineteen years ago, spoke for the national organization. Music for the occasion was furnished by the crack West Virginia University Band, the Elkins Legion Highlanders, and Roy E. Parrish Post Band.

Commander Wilson spoke in response to the welcoming addresses, and taking cognizance of the Armistice Day observance paid tribute to the dead of all our wars, and called for full and vigorous prosecution of the Korean conflict.

Following the speaking program, Morton Downey, famed tenor and one of the great names in the entertainment world, entertained the audience with a 30-minute program, accompanied by his string trio.

THE NEW NATIONAL COMMANDER REVIEWS THE TROOPS



Leading the parade to the reviewing stand erected in front of Roy E. Parrish Post home, National Commander Wilson fell out to review the troops. In the picture above, left to right, Dr. P. E. Kercheval, Kingwood, who represents West Virginia in the National Executive Committee of the Legion; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wilson, parents of the National Commander; National Commander and Mrs. Donald R. Wilson. One of their young sons peeps out over the rail.

The concluding event of the day was a banquet presided over by Past Commander James M. Guiher, Roy E. Parrish Post, and a law associate of Commander Wilson. The number of guests was limited to 400—the capacity of the banquet room in the Masonic Temple—heard the new Commander speak firmly and forcibly on three general principles: aggressive Americanism, a realistic foreign policy, and an uncompromising stand against communism.

Distinguished Legionnaires from the home State and from other Departments were introduced at the homecoming banquet. The invocation was given by Rev. Olaf G. Birkeland, Whitehall, Wisconsin, National Chaplain of The American Legion, and included on the program were "The Star Spangled Banner" by Mrs. LaRue Robb, with Sara Younkin at the organ, and selections by the Clarksburgers Barbershop Quartet. An unannounced feature of the program was the reappearance of Morton Downey, who sang several of his most popular songs.

City Fathers All Legionnaires

Ervin V. Hamilton Post No. 26, Bordentown, New Jersey, claims a unique record—the entire City Commission of three members are all WW2 veterans and are members of the Post. The Commission is composed of Lewis M. Parker, Mayor and Commissioner of Public Finance, also Grand Master of New Jersey Masons; Edwin C. B. Clark, Commissioner of Public Safety, also Department Graves Registration Chairman for New Jersey, Robert Parcells, Commissioner of Public Property. The Post has another distinction, says Commander Charles E. Lamson—all its 32 Past Commanders are living.

KEEP MEMBERSHIP POT BOILING

The big job now is to keep the membership pot boiling. That is the word that has gone out from National Headquarters. The early returns have been most gratifying to National Commander Wilson and he, naturally, is anxious that the drive continue under present momentum until the national goal is achieved.

On November 30 the advance membership for 1952 paid in to National Headquarters was 964,042 or approximately 130,000 over the same date last year. With *American Legion Magazine* subscription cards already in, indicating that dues have been paid, and gilt edged pledges from the several Departments it is believed that the 1952 enrollment will be well towards completion of its second million by the time the new year starts.

Orchids to the Department of Mexico—that division of the Legion, though small, was first to complete its 1952 quota, and to start the march towards an all-time high.

On December 1st, Illinois with 75,367 members out of its quota of 229,682 led in numbers paid in. Percentagewise, South Dakota with 14,016 paid in out of its 25,170 quota, or 55.68 percent, took first place. Tennessee with 54.10 percent—36,531 out of a quota of 67,520, followed close behind. However, at the annual telegraphic roll call held in mid-November old reliable North Dakota pledged more than 90 percent of its membership to be delivered during December.

Action Called For

To feed the fires of enthusiasm which has kept the early membership enrollment campaign booming National Commander Wilson has sent out a letter to all Post Commanders and key membership workers urging that the all-out drive be continued in full force. He asks that special attention be given to members who have dropped out. Get them back into the Legion, and see to it that every eligible veteran is invited to join.

Commander Wilson asks the membership workers to shoot the works—get the job completed as quickly as possible in order to have time for other things. In his letter to Post Commanders he said:

"The Miami National Convention mandated a fighting program for 1952. To carry through on that fighting program, we must have a fighting membership at all levels of The American Legion—a fighting leadership that will get the membership job out of the way early in the year so that the manpower and womanpower of the organization can be devoted to the task of carrying out the many important programs and activities for the good of our nation, our states and our communities."

Early returns indicate that it will be a banner year. "Get two for '52" is the slogan for the enrollment drive.

DENVER GETS 1952 JUNIOR BASEBALL NATIONAL FINALS

Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post No. 1 will sponsor the 1952 American Legion Junior Baseball National Finals in Denver, Colorado, September 2-5.

Denver was selected as the site for the 1952 series at recent meetings of the National Americanism Commission.

Bears Stadium, home of the Denver Bears (Western League) will be the battleground, where winners of the four 1952 Sectional Tournaments will meet to determine who will wear the 1952 Junior Baseball crown. Like many other attractions of the mile-high city, this stadium is unique for it is really a bowl, carved and constructed in the side of a huge bluff.

Colorado Vice-Commander Eagan, and Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post Com-

mander Frank P. Lynch, Jr., appeared at the National Executive Committee meeting and declared Denver's ability and desire to stage the 1952 classic.

Other invitations extended for the 1952 National Finals came from Harvey Seeds Post No. 29, Miami, Florida; Omaha Post No. 1, Omaha, Nebraska; and the Logan Wheeler Post of Yakima, Washington.

Regional and Sectional Tournament sites were selected as follows: Regional No. 4—Gastonia, North Carolina; No. 5—Florence, South Carolina; No. 6—New Orleans, Louisiana; No. 7—Quincy, Illinois; No. 8—Altus, Oklahoma; No. 9—Bismarck, North Dakota; No. 10—Grand Island, Nebraska; and No. 11—Yakima, Washington. Sectional "B"—Charleston, South Carolina; "C"—

Bloomington, Illinois; and "D"—Hastings, Nebraska.

DELINQUENTS GET THE GOAT UNTIL DUES ARE PAID



"Billy" the goat proved a great help to Riley-Vest Post No. 9, Bluefield, West Virginia, in rounding up its delinquent members. In fact "Billy" proved to be the best membership worker in the Post—his methods were simple and direct. He went to live with a delinquent, carrying with him a goatish aura, and stayed until the Legionnaire planked down his '52 dues. Then the ex-delinquent passed "Billy" and his delicate fragrance on to the next delinquent—a sort of endless chain. "Billy" became a revolving goat—he changed hosts several times in a day—but he brought in renewals and new members for Riley-Vest Post. In the picture above, Legionnaire Barney Nash passes the goat to Conrad Brevick, auto dealer, whose good standing in the Post was restored pronto.

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Exemplifying the helpful service of the Legion and Legionnaires when disaster strikes, Evanston (Wyoming) Post helped in evacuating the injured when in mid-November a railroad wreck near its home town killed 17 and injured 67. The Post home was used as a hospital — a fact noted in all wire news dispatches sent out — with Legionnaires and Auxiliaries furnishing bedding and food, as well as helping to care for the injured. . . . Carl Haggland, Past Commander of Navy Post No. 102, Portland, Oregon, was selected as Multnomah County's outstanding Legionnaire of 1951. He received the Hollywood Post No. 105 perpetual trophy, which was first awarded in 1943. . . . Baseball Commissioner Ford C. Frick was the guest speaker at the Armistice Day dinner of Leonard S. Morange Post, Bronxville, New York — his first speaking appearance before his fellow-towners since becoming baseball czar. He lauded the Legion's Junior Baseball program — said the major league faith in sandlot baseball was shown by the million dollars contributed to the program by organized ball during the past 25 years.

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Seattle-King County (Washington) Community Chest cited Cathay Post No. 186 and its Auxiliary Unit for exceptional community service and outstanding effort in behalf of the Community Chest. The official citation says "they have worked as a team during the past five years; have solicited three separate areas and exceeded their quotas each time; during 1952 campaign far exceeded their quota and have been an inspiration to the campaign." . . . If Hollis A. Wooster, ASN 4193916, will write this office he can recover his old-style dog-tag lost at Fort Devens during the hot summer days of 1941. Roland LeBlanc, New Bedford.

Massachusetts, while doing squads right on the parade, picked it up, and has kept it safely with his war souvenirs. . . . Laurel (Delaware) Post No. 19 presented a Life Membership card to Dr. J. A. Wilker on his 70th birthday in March, 1950, in recognition of long years of faithful and devoted service. Mrs. Wilker, no less active in the Auxiliary, was awarded a Life Membership card by Laurel Unit at a meeting held on October 10.

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An exhibition building used in the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition at Portland, Oregon, in 1905, is the new home of St. Johns Post No. 98 — though it is now far removed from its original site. Years ago the building was moved by barge down the Willamette River to its present site, and was used by the Congregational and Lutheran churches. Adapted to the needs of the Post, the building was dedicated to its new service in late August. . . . Quentin Roosevelt Post No. 8, Clifton, New Jersey, has a package gift, including a fountain pen, for every man entering the Armed Service from its area.

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Liberty Heights Post No. 430, Springfield, Massachusetts, has a \$100,000 home building project under way — Post members and their friends are working like beavers to have the new structure ready for occupancy by April, with most of the work being done by volunteers. A lot of the materials have been contributed. The club house stands on a six and a half acre lot, giving plenty of space for playgrounds for young and old, and for parking purposes. . . . Warren Grant, Finance Officer of Augustus Peabody Gardner Post No. 194, South Hamilton, Massachusetts, rates as a senior in that service

— and Morley L. Piper, Post Adjutant, wonders if there is any other Finance Officer who can tie his record. Legionnaire Grant has just been installed for his 31st consecutive year, first elected in 1919. Post chartered in 1919; Grant had not then returned from service — so he misses by one year of being the only FO the Post has had.

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"My Post is tops in lending a hand," says Eugene Tavenner of Moses Taylor Post No. 136, Mt. Kisco, New York. Legionnaire and Mrs. Tavenner were returning from a visit in Virginia when they were involved in an auto wreck at Frederick, Maryland, with Tavenner winding up in a hospital. Borrowing the Lion's ambulance, Commander James Collins and Legionnaires Ernest Hahne and Fred Scarano made the long drive to Frederick to return the injured Post member to his home. . . . Greenbrier Post No. 26, Ronceverte, West Virginia, held a mortgage-burning ceremony in late October, celebrating the last payment on the new home — a \$25,000 structure completely paid for in two years. Department Commander Tommy Jones was the guest speaker.

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Hellgate Post No. 27, Missoula, Montana, set a new State record in a drive for blood in mid-October when 391 pints were contributed in a rally at the Post home. "Full credit for the record," said the Blood Drive Chairman, "belongs to the Post under leadership of Commander Russell Lindborg and Stanley M. Lukens, Post Recruitment Chairman. . . . Another Legion outfit with a remarkable record is Brunswick (Georgia) Post No. 9 in a one-day drive. The success of the drive resulted from an intensive publicity campaign put on by a committee of group leaders named by Commander Larry C. Sweat. . . . Boston's Chinatown struck back at communism by launching a fund-raising campaign as part of the Massachusetts Crusade for Freedom. The campaign was sponsored by Chinese-American Post No. 328 under the chairmanship of Past Commander William Wong Seam.

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Harold F. Govoni Post No. 387, Kingston, Massachusetts, has completed an addition to its club house — an expansion needed to meet the expanding needs of the membership. . . . Lowville (New York) Memorial Post No. 162, and Auxiliary Unit are being skippered this term by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greene — the third time the two outfits have worked together with a husband-and-wife team in command. . . . What probably amounted to the first membership sign-up on TV occurred in Grand Rapids, Michigan, when Bob Runyon was conducting a TV interview with Department Commander Thomas Roumell. Runyon asked about membership — Commander Roumell whipped out a membership blank and signed him up on the spot. . . . Fomoco Post No. 315, Kansas City, Missouri, presented a Life Membership card to Past Commander Edward L. Bresette — the first one awarded by the Post. . . .

TOKYO POST NO. 1 SETS 1,000 AS MEMBERSHIP GOAL



Organized in the mid-summer of 1950, Tokyo (Japan) Post No. 1 has enrolled more than 500 members — 200 of them on the Fourth of July — and according to Vice Commander George Puchowski (home, Griffith, Indiana) has set its stakes for a full thousand in 1952. New officers for 1952 have been elected and installed. In the picture above, reading from left to right, the officers are: Lt. Fred Peterson, Historian; Richard Mays; Captain Charles O. Dutton, (Encino, California) Chaplain; Ed P. McDermott, (Kearney, Nebraska), Service Officer; Walter L. Daneils, (Clovis, California) Commander; LCDR Cecil J. Daigle, YNT1 George Puchowski, Vice Commander, and S/FC David Miller.

POSTMAN IS LEGION BLOOD CHAMP

The pressing need for blood which has not been forthcoming has stirred a lot of Legion Posts and Legionnaires into action. But to many Legionnaires the blood-need is a continuing program. Blood for the fighting men in Korea, and blood for the civilian needs.

To Legionnaire Simon H. Schneider, member of Dan Tallon Post No. 678, New York City, it is the No. 1 program. He has plumped for blood donations for many years, in Legion Posts, in civilian defense work, and on radio and television. And he has proved his sincerity in the work by giving 62 pints of his own blood since 1939 — blood for Britain in the early days of WW2, blood for the American fighting men, and blood for civilians in hospitals.

This No. 1 Blood Donor, recognized for his work by a thick sheaf of citations and commendations, has furnished 62 pints — that's 30½ quarts, or nearly eight gallons. And he would give more, but the Red Cross regulations limit donors to five pints a year.

Legionnaire Schneider, 5-foot, 8-inch veteran of WW1, is in civil life a letter carrier working out of the Times Square Station, New York City. He walks about 22 miles each working day in making his appointed rounds; the rest of his waking hours are devoted to promoting the blood donor campaign. When he volunteered for service in New York City's civilian defense organization, he was asked to continue with the blood program — a vital part of civil defense — where he has had so much experience.



Simon H. Schneider

"I have tried to do something for men so that they could get home to their families faster," said Legionnaire Schneider, "and I want to quicken the blood donor program in the Legion. The sick and wounded men in the services need blood plasma and whole blood. Even if we don't include the millions in uniform, America still needs millions of pints of blood to save the lives of civilians. If the story of this need is told, I am sure the response will come quickly."

Once each year Legionnaire Schneider goes to Washington to make a report in person to Red Cross National Headquarters, to give a pint of blood, and to offer ideas that might be helpful in promoting more blood giving.

immortal preamble to its constitution, and who have given devoted service 'For God and Country' through the years.

"The American Legion Extension Institute provides a course of study on the many programs and services of the world's largest veterans' organization. While the Extension Institute is open to all our members, it gives our younger Legionnaires a special opportunity to prepare themselves for even greater

LEGION EXTENSION COURSE DEADLINE IS MARCH 1

The seventh term of The American Legion Extension Institute will begin with the mailing of the first lesson to enrollees the last week of February. Deadline date for acceptance of enrollments is March 1. Here's what Henry H. Dudley, National Adjutant, has to say about the course of study:

"During the past few years a new generation has joined The American Legion. Veterans of World War II have swelled our ranks and risen to leadership. Thousands of them have been chosen commanders by their Posts, Districts and Departments. Soon these younger Legionnaires will be joined by veterans of the Korean conflict and their comrades who served elsewhere during the present emergency.

"The American Legion looks to these young men for vigorous leadership in the years ahead. But in charting our course for the future these Legion-leaders must be mindful of the great accomplishments of the past. They must come to know and understand The American Legion — its history, its structure, its programs and its achievements. In that way they can share the spirit of the men of the AEF who founded The American Legion, who composed the

service. I recommend it highly to them. The future of The American Legion and — to a large extent — the future of our nation is in their hands."

The tuition will be the same as in past terms, as follows: 1 to 4 enrollments from a Post, County or District — \$6.00 each; 5 to 9 enrollments from a Post, County or District — \$3.00 each; 10 or more enrollments from a Post, County or District — \$2.00 each.

CHILD CARE-REHAB MEETS TO NAME VICE CHAIRMEN

Selection of an Area Child Welfare vice chairman for 1953 will be a new responsibility of the Middle Western (Area "D") Child Welfare Conference scheduled to meet in Des Moines, Iowa, January 11-12, 1952.

Prior to this year selection of Area Child Welfare officials of The American Legion has been made by the National Executive Committee. However, at its meeting in November the National Executive Committee gave to each Child Welfare and Rehabilitation Area Conference the duty of selecting and nominating the member who will serve as Child Welfare and Rehabilitation vice chairman the following year.

More than 300 Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary are expected to attend the Legion's Child Welfare Conference in Des Moines where plans to carry out the year's objectives in Child Welfare will be made. Departments to be represented at the meeting are: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Other Conferences will be announced later.

H. T. Fuller, Mitchell, South Dakota, is the Area "D" Child Welfare Chairman and will be the presiding officer at the meeting. He will be assisted by Randall Biart, Bellevue, Nebraska, Area Vice Chairman, and Mrs. John Hunt, Port Sanilac, Michigan, Area "D" Auxiliary Child Welfare Chairman.

WATCH YOUR GI INSURANCE KEEP ALL PREMIUMS PAID

It will pay you — and save a lot of trouble — to keep your GI insurance up to date. Pay your premiums on time. Don't let your GI insurance lapse. VA has hardboiled regulations on re-instatement.

Be sure to name your beneficiaries. If you have not done so, do it now. Tell the VA how you want your insurance paid out to beneficiaries — in a lump sum or spread out over longer payments.

It's your insurance and your responsibility. If you are not certain what to do, tell your troubles to the nearest Legion Service Officer, who will get in touch with the VA District Office having jurisdiction. Or, call at any VA office.

Do you Know this Legionnaire?

Charles H. Musgrove, a carnival employee, died suddenly while with Johnny's United Shows at Tipton, Indiana, on July 26. He was a WWI veteran, entering service at Fort Slocum, New York, in 1918, one discharged in July 1922, at Camp Welsh, Long Island, New York; ASN 396,348. He had renewed his Legion membership for 1952 in Tipton Post, but neither his employers nor the Post were advised of his home or names of relatives. Burial was made in Fairview Cemetery, Tipton, with full Legion honors by Tipton Post No. 46. The Post will welcome further information in order to get word to his homefolks. Write Charles O. Mullins, Publicity Chairman, Post 46, 108 North East Street, Tipton, Indiana.

COMRADES IN DISTRESS

Co. K, 331st Inf., 83rd Div., and 1560th Service Unit, Camp Atterbury; 248th CA, Ft. Wadren, Wash., 769th FA Bn., Camp Barkley—Urgently need statements to establish claim; will men who know of me being hospitalized for stomach ailment and broken cartilage, left knee, please write. Particularly Major Graham, Major Whittle, Major Fleetwood, Lt. H. O'Shea, Lt. J. D. Moore, Capt. Schlessinger, Col. Bibbs, and Chaplain De Lora. Thomas J. Keegan, 4321 Northcote Ave., East Chicago, Ind.

Letterman General Hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, 1945—Will anyone who remembers Lt. Juliana Schano, ANC, please write her at 435 S. Riverside Ave., Rialto, Cal. Statements needed for compensation claim.

Camp Peary, Va., Seabees—Carlos L. Beck, known as Texas Beck, needs to locate men who served with him at Camp Peary Seabee Base, or at Cunningham YY Barracks, Cape May, N. J., in 1943-44. Statements needed. Write Ralph Smith, County Service Officer, Box 588, Hereford, Texas.

Hdtrs. 1st Service Command Military Police, Hotel Buckminster, Boston—Will any comrade who was called to the Coconut Grove fire, Nov. 28, 1942, please write. Statements needed. Thomas D. Murphy, 68 West Concord St., Boston, Mass.

Co. B, 775th TDBN—Will comrades who served with me at Camp Forrest, Tenn., July, 1942, please write. Need help for claim. Henry L. Mathieu, 362 Notre Dame Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

28th MP Co.—Need to hear from anyone who witnessed a dock explosion at New Caledonia on Nov. 1, 1944, or who treated me for shock at Navy Mobile Hospital 107. Claim pending. Peter C. Korbakes, 5552 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago, Ill.

503rd Parachute Infantry, 11th Airborne Div.—Rudy L. Vega needs help to establish claim; will anyone who served with him in Asiatic-Pacific area, 1944-45, please write Charles W. Lindell, Adjutant, Fontana Post No. 262, American Legion, 659 S. Cypress St., Fontana, Cal.

Co. M, 368th Inf.—Will comrades who know of illness or treatments of Corp. William O. Johnson in 1942-43 please write. Vet dead; statements needed to secure benefits for dependents. Fred Barnett, Veterans' Service Officer, P. O. Box 43, Covington, Ky.

Troop I, 6th Cavalry, Texas City, Texas, 1913—Need to hear from Capt. Hugh B. Myers and Lt. Taylor; statements for disability claim needed. Please write C. R. Burger, 123 Fuller Rd., Hinsdale, Ill.

44th Station Hospital, Camp Prairie, Alberta, Canada—Will anyone who served with me this station, 1942-43, or who know of my head injury and hospitalization at Waterway Alta., Canada, please write. Particularly 1st Lt. Gary R. Bricker, Capt. Edwards, Medical Corps, Capt. Smaha and Major Lubben. Statements needed. Write Paul P. Stropky, 841 Walnut Ave. N.E., Canton, Ohio.

Hdtrs. and Hdtrs. Btry., 81st Inf. Div. Art.—Urgently need to hear from men who remember me in service; claim pending. Write E. J. Posey, 533 East 11th St., Colorado City, Texas.

337th—371st AES, Yantan Air Strip, Okinawa—Will M/Sgt. Hurst, ex-Tampa, Fla., and Richard Miller, ex-Michigan, please write. Statements needed. Charles Marinus, (WTO, Air Corps), RFD 2, Newark Valley, N. Y.

36th Bombardment Squadron, Fort Glenn, Alaska—Will anyone who knows circumstances of death of PFC Fred C. Rogers on Sept. 30, 1942, please write Fred Rogers, Rt. 1, Woodburn, Oregon. Statements needed for claim.

Battery A, 233rd Searchlight Bn.—Will "Hap" Peoples and Jack Bartholomew please write. Help needed to establish disability claim. Frank Nevins, 704 South Forest Ave., Brazil, Ind.

USS Massey (DD 778)—Will shipmates please write. Statements needed for VA claim. John H. Luckey, 2503 Voorhees Ave., Redondo Beach, Cal.

Co. G, 349th Infantry, 88th Div.—Urgently need statements for claim; will men who remember me with outfit in Italy in 1944 please write, particularly Lt. Frederick Cummings, Platoon Leader, Warren W. Herston, Rt. 1, Killen, Okla.

390th AAA Bn.—Need to locate Pfc. Ed Gillispie; will anyone who knows his present address please write. Was hospitalized for frozen feet at Christmas time during Battle of Bulge; hospital records lost; Gillispie sketched my picture. He can establish hospitalization and perhaps give name and location of hospital. Write John E. McLaughlin, Jr., Main St., North Lancaster, Mass.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

4th Armored Div. Assn.—6th annual reunion, New York City, June 19-21; Hotel Statler. Address inquiries to 4th Armored Div. Assn., P. O. Box 247, Madison Square Sta., New York 10, N. Y.

16th Armored Div. Assn.—Reunion in planning; info from C. H. Noble, 828 Ivy Lane, San Antonio, Texas.

75th Infantry Div.—Reunion, to be held in August, 1952. Former members of Division and attached units write Maj. Gen. Ray E. Porter, Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

82nd Airborne Div.—6th annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., July 4-6; Hotel Sherman, Contact Chester W. Novak, Secy., 6619 S. Stewart Ave., Chicago 21, Ill.

83rd Infantry Div. Assn.—Annual reunion, Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 21-23; Deshler-Wallack Hotel. Write R. Catalano, Secy-Treas., 1435 Clark St., Pittsburgh 21, Pa.

DD 536—5th annual Engineers reunion, Pittsburgh, Pa., Labor Day, Sept. 5-7. Details from Louis M. Cimino, 2300 Milligan Ave., Swissvale, Penna.

7th and 8th Divisions, Michigan Naval Militia—35th annual reunion, Ann Arbor, Mich., June 13-14. Full info from Ward P. Peterson, Permanent Secy., 307 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

732nd Railway Operating BN.—Reunion, Chicago, Ill., April 26-27; Hotel Congress. Write John Danos, 1216 E. 53rd St., Chicago, Ill.

611th OBAM BN., (2nd BN., 304th Ord. Regt.)—7th reunion, Utica, N. Y., Sept. 19-20; Hotel Utica. Info and quarterly bulletin from John F. Deep, 1218 West St., Utica 3, N. Y.

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ASSETS

Cash on hand and on deposit	\$ 344,134.96
Receivables	1,120,564.20
Inventories	467,440.12
Invested Funds	459,482.11
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust Fund	\$ 254,140.84
Employees' Retirement	
Trust Fund	1,231,389.95 1,485,530.79
Real Estate, less depreciation	897,417.37
Furniture and Fixtures, less depreciation	310,770.42
Deferred Charges	109,725.99
	\$5,195,065.96

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED REVENUE AND NET WORTH

Current Liabilities	\$ 586,077.89
Funds restricted as to use	474,510.44
Deferred Income	1,054,975.81
Permanent Trusts:	
Overseas Graves Decoration	
Trust	\$ 254,140.84
Employees' Retirement	
Trust	1,236,697.57 1,490,838.41
Net Worth:	
Restricted Capital:	
Reserve Fund	\$ 23,464.13
Restricted Fund	17,939.98
Reserve for construction	
Wash. office	780,294.40
Real Estate	80,000.00 901,698.51
Unrestricted Capital:	
Surplus	254,060.33
Excess of Income over Expense	
10 Months	432,904.57 686,964.90
	1,588,663.41
	\$5,195,065.96

1st BN., 106th Infantry, 27th Div., (WW2)—Anniversary reunion Feb. 2. For info write Frank G. Dasting, 50-52 44th St., Woodside 77, N. Y.

35th Div. Assn.—Annual reunion, Springfield, Mo., June 6-8. Details from W. E. Kraemer, Secy., 511 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

496th AAA Gun Bn.—Reunion at Buffalo, N. Y., October, 1952. Information from Frank J. Keller, 149 Amsterdam St., Tonawanda, N. Y.

15th U. S. Engineers—33rd annual reunion, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26th; Fort Pitt Hotel. Details from William H. Turner, Secy., 238 Eighth Ave., Laurel Gardens, Pa.

Battery B, 130th FA—Annual reunion, Lawrence, Kansas, Feb. 22. Members are requested to write. Address W. Harry Martin, Battery Commander, Stamps, Ark., or Claude E. Buckner, Secy., Ottawa, Kans.

Co. D, 313th Ammunition Train, 88th Div., (WW1)—3rd annual reunion, Yankton, S. Dak., May 31-June 1. Information and reservations from Mrs. Clark Harris, Secy., Idaho, Kans.

302nd Engineers, (both WWS)—33rd annual reunion dinner, New York City, Feb. 23; 77th Division Club, 28 East 39th St., New York 16, N. Y. Details from Louis E. Herborn, Adjutant, at above address.

308th Infantry Post—Annual reunion dinner, New York, Jan. 26; Grand Street Boys Club, 106 West 55th St. Information from William L. Easterby, Adjutant, 28 East 39th St., New York 16, N. Y.

Battery A, 435th AAA Bn., (Cannon Co., 473rd Inf. Regt.)—7th annual reunion, Washington, D. C., Aug. 30-Sept. 1. Info from Lee E. Marks, 177 So. Cooper St., Memphis 4, Tenn.

1476th Engineer Maintenance Co.—3rd annual reunion, Dayton, Ohio, May 16-17; Dayton-Biltmore Hotel. Write Bill Dittoe, 68 E. Torrence Rd., Columbus 14, Ohio, or Joe Stumfol, 147 Linwood St., Dayton 5, Ohio.

Payne Field Cadets—All members of primary flying squadron trained at West Point, Miss., in summer of 1918 are invited to reunion at St. Louis, Mo., Sunday, Feb. 17; Jefferson Hotel. Write James R. Ogden, 1436 S. 22nd St., Louisville, Ky.; Verne A. Trask, Hume-Mansur Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind., or Harry L. Thomas, 1205 Federal Reserve Bank Bldg., Kansas City 6, Mo.

Base Hospital 13, (WW1)—34th annual reunion, Chicago, Ill., Friday, Jan. 25, 6 p.m.; Union League Club, 65 West Jackson Blvd. For information write Elliott C. Timme, Secy., Room 1200, 105 West Adams St., Chicago, Ill.

3rd BN., 110th Infantry, (WW2)—2nd annual reunion, Altoona, Pa., Aug. 30-31. Write C. L. Chattaway, 822 Sheridan St., Monongahela, Pa.

USN Base Hospital 3, Espiritu Santos—Grand reunion all members Cub 1 and Cub 3, Medical Units, serving during the Guadalcanal campaign, to be held during American Medical Association meeting in June, 1952. Write Dr. Albert S. Hyman, 450 East 63rd St., New York 21, N. Y.

Veterans Newsletter

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A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

ON THE STATE BONUS FRONT:

WEST VIRGINIA: — After long delay, the bonus authorized at the November, 1950, election — a delay not chargeable to the West Virginia authorities, but directly caused by Federal biggies who called it "inflationary" and stymied bond sales — is in fair way of being paid during the early months of 1952 . . . Good news for Mountain State vets — application forms will be released by the West Virginia Department of Veterans' Affairs on January 2 . . . Director T. H. (Pat) McGovran (Past Department Commander of Legion) says that processing will start immediately and that first checks will start to flow out within a week or ten days after receipt of claim.

Governor Okey L. Patteson did not take Washington frown as final . . . He organized a Committee of Bankers within the State and first offering of \$37,500,000 bonds will be absorbed by State banks and individuals . . . Estimated \$75,000,000 will be required to pay off claims of 250,000 West Virginia WW1 and WW2 vets . . . \$90,000,000 authorized . . . Processing applications will be expedited — Director McGovran has set up a system that will permit payment of claims through the 14 Field Offices operating in various parts of the State, as well as from the general offices in Charleston.

Bonus payable to WW1 and WW2 vets resident of State at time of entry into service and for six months immediately preceding who were not dishonorably discharged, and who served on active duty 90 days or more, unless discharged for service-connected disability within 90 days . . . Dates for which payment is made: WW1, April 6, 1917-November 11, 1918; WW2, December 7, 1941-September 2, 1945 . . . Survivors of deceased veterans, unremarried widows, children under age of 16, dependent parents in the order named.

Rates of payment: \$10 per month for home service; \$15 per month for overseas service up to a maximum of \$300 for stateside service only, and \$400 for overseas, or combination of home and foreign service . . . Eligible vets are required to furnish proof of service and of residence . . . Photostat of discharge, certified copy, (or original document) of official papers showing separation from service . . . If papers show vet was resident of West Virginia at time of entry into service, the discharge and sworn statement on Bonus Form will be accepted as proof of residence . . . Otherwise, application should be accompanied by certificates attesting the fact of residence and/or voting citizenship . . . Deadline for filing applications is December 1, 1952.

Eligible vets living in West Virginia can obtain forms from the 14 Field Offices or from any Post of The American Legion . . . Vets living outside the State

get theirs by writing Department of Veterans' Affairs, P. O. Box 5127, Capitol Station, Charleston, West Virginia.

OREGON: Bonus authorized at November, 1950, election . . . Payment delayed for same cause as in West Virginia . . . However, application forms are being sent out by Bonus Division, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Salem, pending sale of bonds and sufficient funds to liquidate claims . . . Situation further muddled by movement initiated by two veterans to repeal the bonus measure . . . Preliminary initiative petition has been filed with Secretary of State . . . If sponsors obtain 26,286 signatures to petitions by July 3 next, the issue will be before the voters at the general election in November, 1952.

MONTANA: No change in situation — court action pending to determine the constitutionality of the war service honorarium voted at the 1950 election . . . Question hinges on constitutional provision respecting gifts and gratuities . . . Opposition sets out 14 technical points to be passed on by Supreme Court.

DEADLINE FOR POW CLAIMS NEARS:

War Claims Commission Chairman Daniel F. Cleary calls upon all ex-prisoners of WW2, who have not filed their claims, to do so at once . . . The deadline is March 31, 1952 . . . Congress has extended deadline once; may not be another extension . . . Claim forms may be obtained directly from War Claims Commission, Washington 25, D. C., or through State veteran affairs offices, and veteran organizations.

IMPORTANT TO RETIRED OFFICERS:

VA authority to employ retired military officers without affecting their retired status has been extended five years under a new law . . . Public Law 230, signed by President Truman on October 29, 1951, authorizes VA to make such appointments until August 10, 1956.

AUTO LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR SERVICEMEN:

What are the grounds for complaints being heard that auto liability insurance companies are refusing policies to servicemen who take their cars to military camps? . . . The answer is that there is no such general practice among insurance companies, yet it does happen . . . Smaller companies and mail-order companies make most such refusals, as do some of the larger companies where the applicant is a stranger, or has an accident record . . . Although the record shows clearly that unmarried men under 25 away from home have proved very hazardous, as a group, for auto liability insurance, far from all such insurance is refused . . . Experience with the

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younger servicemen hasn't encouraged companies to seek the business . . . The same hesitancy has always applied to college students with cars away from home.

Newsletter has discussed this problem — after receiving a lot of complaints — with liability companies and underwriters . . . Some insurance men say the service risk is even higher than the college risk . . . They cite thousand-mile trips on three-day passes, lending or renting car for night to comrades, and experience of more and worse accidents . . . Even so, most companies will give coverage if client's good driving record and proved mature driving attitude is known to company through family broker; or by writing certain protective clauses into contract . . . Parents are reminded that if son takes family car to college or camp family broker should be consulted to determine if this affects existing family automobile liability insurance contract.

PSYCHOSIS PRESUMPTIVE PERIOD

WW2 vets and those in service since June 27, 1950, who develop an active psychosis within two years after separation from service, may file applications for hospitalization or outpatient treatment as service-connected cases . . . This new law (Public Law 239, October 30, 1951) makes a number of vets eligible as service-connected patients who have been heretofore classified as non-service connected, and thus entitled to treatment only when a bed was available . . . VA now faced with task of reviewing some 9,000 cases of WW2 vets awaiting hospitalization as non-service-connected . . . Those found eligible will be given priority treatment . . . Applications required for new claims . . . Those now on waiting list for hospitalization need not file new applications, as their cases will be automatically reviewed.

TRIPLE RECOVERY FOR SKINNING VETS:

A new law (Public Law 142, September 13, 1951) provides for triple damages against those who knowingly overcharge or connive in overcharging a veteran for a home bought with a GI loan . . . VA has issued a warning to veterans, builders, lenders and real estate dealers against the consequences of demanding "side payments" or participating in overcharge deals in connection with such sales . . . Under the loan provisions of the GI Bill, any payment for a home over and above VA's appraisal of "reasonable value" is prohibited . . . Criminal statutes provide fines up to \$1,000 and prison terms up to one year for willful violation of the law . . . Vets who conspire to evade the law also risk permanent loss of their rights under all veterans' laws . . . A vet who discovers he has been overcharged may bring suit in any Federal District Court against the person or persons responsible . . . Damages in a sum three times the amount of the overcharge, plus costs and attorney's fees, if awarded, are payable to the veteran . . . In cases where there is any reason for doubt, VA suggests that lenders obtain a signed statement from vet-purchaser that he is making no payment to any one in excess of the disclosed purchase price.

COLUMBUS VA DISTRICT OFFICE ABANDONED:

VA District Office at Columbus, Ohio, has been ordered consolidated with the Eastern offices at Philadelphia . . . This follows the consolidation of the Boston, New York, Richmond and Philadelphia offices and will centralize

all insurance and death claims activities for 17 Eastern and Northeastern States and the District of Columbia in one office . . . Space at Columbus will be used for a VA Record Center, formerly located in Philadelphia . . . Move from Columbus will start soon after first of year and will be completed by February . . . This consolidation directly affects 1,083 employees of the Columbus office who will, it is said, be given opportunity to move to Philadelphia in order to hold their jobs.

WW2 SERVICE MEDALS GO BEGGING:

Have you picked up your WW2 service medals? . . . The Army has a medal problem because it has a great number left over from WW2, ranging from the Medal of Honor down to the Victory Medal, which was awarded to anyone who served honorably in uniform . . . In fact, the Army is paying \$17,500 a year to store the millions of medals which, it seems, nobody wants . . . The surplus weighs some 776,406 pounds in copper and zinc — metals now critically needed for military production — and takes up 23,320 square feet of floor space in a Philadelphia Quartermaster Corps warehouse.

On hand are 1,700,000 Victory Medals which all WW2 vets are entitled to wear, in addition to the Theatre Medals . . . Army has distributed 7,500,000 Victory Medals alone . . . Vets who have not received their medals can get them very easily — and thus help Uncle Sam out of a pressing storage problem . . . Simply write The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., or if in Navy or Marine Corps, write Bureau of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy, Washington 25, D. C. . . Give name, Serial Number, service unit, and designate the theatres in which you served — American area, Pacific or European.

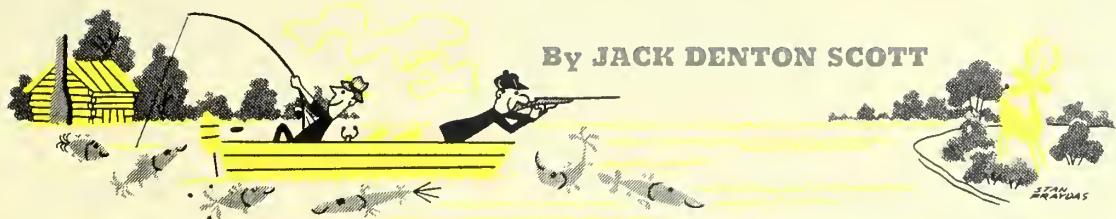
NO FUNDS FOR VET AUTOS:

Eligible disabled veterans who file applications for automobiles under Public Law 187, October 20, 1951, must wait for their cars until Congress appropriates funds for purchase . . . Meanwhile, VA will accept applications and adjudicate them . . . To be eligible, vet must be drawing compensation for any one of following service-connected disabilities: Loss, or loss of use, of one or both feet; loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both hands; complete loss of sight in both eyes or permanent impairment of vision to the degree of virtual blindness . . . This law applies only to WW2 vets and those who served in Armed Forces on and after June 27, 1950 . . . VA authorized to pay up to \$1,600 toward purchase price of an automobile with special gadgets to make it usable by disabled vet . . . No payment is made for repair, maintenance, or replacement of any such automobile.

REVIEW OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CLAIMS:

VA will automatically review all applications claiming compensation because of multiple sclerosis (a kind of creeping paralysis) . . . Public Law 174 provides that this malady developing to a degree of 10 percent or more disability within two years after separation from service, or after July 25, 1947, whichever is earlier, shall be presumed service-connected . . . Cases found eligible, many disallowed under old law, will be rated for compensation . . . Peacetime veterans are not covered by the law.

Legion Rod and Gun Club



By JACK DENTON SCOTT

**THERE'S A LOT OF NEWS ABOUT THE GREAT OUTDOORS ON THIS PAGE,
AND IF YOU WANT MORE, AN EXPERT IS READY TO ANSWER YOUR LETTERS.**

A gang around Elmira, New York seem to be trying to put the Rod & Gun page on the well known spot. "We," they write, "want you to settle a hassle about the speed of birds. Three of us say that the grouse is the fastest of upland game birds. We should know, we miss the wily ruffed cuss more than any other bird. Two boneheads claim that the pheasant is faster or maybe the duck. How about a helping of brains to straighten us out?"

We can't spare that helping of brains but here is a reasonably accurate chart giving approximate flight speeds of the birds in question:

Flight Speeds of Game Birds

Ruffed Grouse	airspeed	22 to 30 miles per hour
Woodcock	airspeed	5 to 13 miles per hour
Quail	airspeed	25 to 45 miles per hour
Canvasback duck	airspeed	40 to 72 miles per hour
Pheasant	airspeed	25 to 60 miles per hour
Canada Goose	airspeed	35 to 60 miles per hour
Mallard	airspeed	30 to 55 miles per hour
Wild Turkey	airspeed	40 to 55 miles per hour



The famed Grantland Rice Sportlight is finishing a movie on the Weimaraner Breed called "The Doggonedest Dog!" It should be ready about January. Released by Paramount.



Do you own one of those sheepskin-lined gun sheaths or carrying cases? They're swell for lugging your gun into the field, but if you leave the gun in them for any length of time, moisture collects or condensation occurs laying a quick film of rust on the important parts of your gun. Remember to grease your gun barrel and to spray oil in the working parts before and after using and put the weapon to rest in the gun rack after the hunt. Here's some energy saving news: According to the big arms and ani-

munition manufacturers it isn't necessary to clean your gun, after even a hard day's shooting. The new types of gun powder are supposed to be of a cleansing nature. Every time you fire your gun you're doing right by it.



Someone has finally dreamed up a little number that is bound to be a great aid to gun nuts and hunters of all kinds. You know how difficult it is to work oil into the important working parts of your gun? Well, the Mitchell-Bradford Chemical Company of Stratford, Connecticut, has come out with a gun oil in a neat and handy can which can be easily sprayed into any area you desire. It's called *Gun Guard*. The spray mechanism is on the back side of the nozzle and you merely have to press it forward and a fine oil spray moves out.



If you have got a couple of nickels to rub together, you might find it worth while to ship them to the Advertising Department, Remington Arms, Bridgeport, Connecticut, and ask for their book *How To Dress, Ship And Cook Wild Game*. Henry P. Davis, chief of that company's public relations division tells us that it gives a simple recipe on preparing Caribou Colllops, and you are in real trouble if you can't fix up a dish of Colllops.



Carl Alwin Schenck of Lindenfels, Germany, a great forester and a legend among American foresters for over fifty years, ever since he started the first forestry school in this country, the Biltmore school at Asheville, North Carolina, recently completed a nation-wide tour lecturing on trees, natural game and other subjects. Asked about crops, the eighty-three-year-old wiseman of the woods said:

"If you want to raise a crop for one year, plant corn. If you want to raise a crop for decades, plant trees. If you want to raise

a crop for centuries, raise men. If you want to plant a crop for eternities, raise democracies."

This the Wisconsin Conservation Bulletin thought was well worth repeating. We agree. It's a motto we all could paste in our hats.

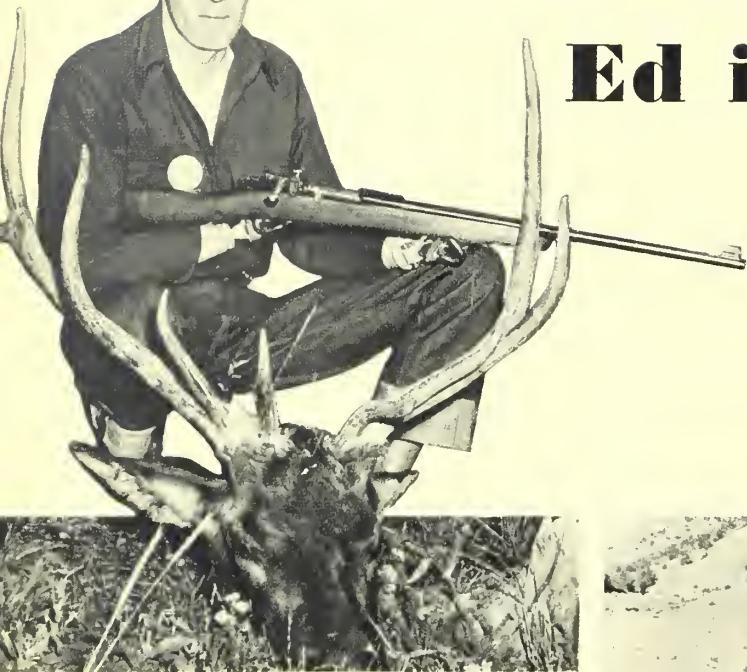
If you've been having trouble convincing your urger-half, the little woman, about the importance and fun of fishing, may we suggest that you pick up a copy of Chisie Farrington's *Women Can Fish*, published by Coward, McCann, New York. It's the personal chronicle of a gal who really knows her way around a fish. It might make all the difference come this spring and time for the sweet clear trill of the trout. Trout don't trill, but you know what we mean: Along about April the first you get that ringing in your ears and small black spots before your eyes and the only thing that can help in the slightest is a trip to the nearest stream and the pleasant weight of a fishing rod in your hand. It's amazing how quickly the health situation clears up with this simple remedy.

It was recently brought to our attention that fishing is the greatest sport in America with more people actively interested than in any other. This includes spectator sports. This comes as very heartening information. What with the advent of television we feared that the only spot the sportsman of the future would develop muscles would be on the seat of his pants. We seem to be developing into the spectator sports sort. Perhaps fishing and hunting can lift us out.

In most states there has been a terrific upswing in the squirrel population. The bushy tails seem to be feeding better, finding improved winter conditions or maybe they have discovered some new method of outwitting their natural enemies. In any event, if conditions continue the squirrel will replace the cottontail as the most popular game in this country. Maybe we will have the opportunity of bringing various state conservation agencies thinking on this situation in the near future.

IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE OUTDOORS: hunting, fishing, dogs, etc., don't hesitate to send them on to THE OUTDOOR EDITOR, AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. We will do our best to help. Please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for reply.

Ed is after BIGGER



Ed had no trouble handling a bolt action rifle.

Ingenious Ed Rawley has bagged deer, duck, elk and pheasants, but his primary aim is to prove to doubters that handicaps can be overcome.



This .22 aided his shooting eye.



The horse was the only member of the team that objected to taking this buxom buck.

THE REMARKABLE ability of amputees to overcome their losses has by now become almost a commonplace story. In the six years since the end of World War II, magazines and newspapers have published pictures and articles showing how handicaps have been conquered.

Each story seems to bring forth still another. The amputees themselves are reluctant to boast of their own accomplishments, but from friends and relatives come the details of still other vets who succeed in rehabilitating themselves. In just such a way *The American Legion Magazine* heard of Ed Rawley,

ex-Air Force officer, who lost both hands in a B-24 crash.

A native of New York State, Ed adopted Utah as home after the war. Married, and the father of two children, he received his B.A. degree in forestry and wildlife management in 1951. An Honor Student, Rawley showed his determination to surmount the handicap of losing his hands. He operated microscopes, still and motion picture cameras, typewriters and did his own pen and ink illustrations. So well has he succeeded in this last task that he has been given the assignment of illustrating the

Utah Fish and Game Bulletin. Knowing Rawley, any observer would have been justified in saying that Ed had been highly successful in rehabilitating himself, but Ed felt there was something more to be accomplished.

One feat had proved difficult for the bilateral amputee. An enthusiastic hunter, Ed had found shooting a rifle fairly easy. Two years ago he succeeded in killing a buck deer with a bolt action rifle, but modestly felt this was not too great a stunt. Bird shooting with a shotgun, however, was a problem. The recoil from an ordinary shotgun was more

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The real test. Ed catches a bird on the wing.



In working with dogs, Rawley has trained them to work close in to give him plenty of time to aim and fire when the birds flush.



The modified shotgun showing the recesses in the fore end and the brass hook in front of the trigger.

than Rawley could handle comfortably.

Through his father-in-law, Education Director for the Utah Fish and Game Department, Ed contacted the Remington Arms Company office in Salt Lake City. Here, Mr. C. V. Bracher took a rough standard fore-end for a 16-gauge auto-loader and modified it so that with his artificial hand Ed could maintain a firm grip. A brass hook was added in front of the trigger guard to give

firm support for the right hand. These changes, together with the reduced recoil of the Sportsman 48 auto-loader, made the gun easy to shoot.

On his very first try with the modified gun, Ed succeeded in powdering clay birds thrown from a hand trap. Last fall he succeeded in getting his first pheasant and later began to bring down ducks. The high spot for Rawley came one day on a hunt in Northern Utah

when he picked off three Mallards—one-two-three—with his three shot auto-loader.

As much as he enjoys shooting, it is still only a hobby to Ed. Back in Utah State Agricultural College Ed is working toward his Ph.D. in wildlife management, the field he intends to make his life's work. In his own mind Ed does not see anything remarkable in his accomplishments, but he has provided another striking example of overcoming what many more fortunate persons wrongly consider insurmountable handicaps.

THE END

They'll Never Know

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The three of them knew their father as Darcy Jones, and it wasn't until they reached their early teens that they found out he had originally been called David Jones. By that time father was known as "Dike" Jones, and his son was sole possessor of the name Darcy Jones.

How the boy hated this sissy name! The other kids on the block always picked on him — because his name was nutty and his folks behaved different — like never going to church or sending him to Sunday school. They never had a Christmas tree. When the boy wanted to know why his family was different, his father had taken him on his knee and explained, "Son, God is a make-believe story like Santa Claus. Grown-up folks with brains like you and me don't need to go to church. They stuff your mind with a lot of lies and nonsense, see, boy?"

He didn't see. Years later, with typical Dike Jones charm, his father wrote, "Religion is not the opium of the people in America. We aren't broad minded enough to smoke opium. In the United States, religion is the coca-cola of the masses."

But what good was all this cleverness — this brilliance — to a small boy growing up in Jamaica? You couldn't tell *that* to Harley Hopewell now, could you?

And you couldn't tell him that Dike Jones didn't approve of his boy playing football or baseball. Dike thought sports were an indecent activity. He thought it absurd that the papers gave so much space to a man, whose name by a coincidence was Jones also, just because he

could hit a small white ball into a hole in the ground. The fact that 70,000 Americans crowded into a ball-park and went into hysterics when a plump man knocked a ball far away was a sign of the decadence of American culture. During the depression, Dike Jones wrote, "America will go down in history as the only country which supplied its proletariat with circuses — and no bread."

The small boy accepted the fact that it was somehow wrong to say prayers at night because there was no God, and yet he could not help praying for a first baseman's glove and for his father to let him go to Sunday school, for electric trains and lead soldiers and, later on, a Daisy air-rifle. None of the prayers were answered and particularly not the one for a rifle. His father didn't believe in war in those days. He was a pacifist. He thought Eugene Debs was a great man. He thought it was a crime when they sent Eugene Debs to jail for making a speech advising U. S. citizens not to serve in the Army of their country.

Dike Jones gave his son books to read so he could "improve his mind," and eventually "help to make this a better world" and "improve the rotten system in which we live." He also believed in "culture" and he bought a piano on the installment plan. The boy was put to practising the piano, although he hated it.

Usually, the boy didn't see his father for days and weeks. Then Dike would get a sudden rush of paternal feeling, and take his boy out and give him lectures about the rich and the poor and the necessity for changing the present

system and getting a better one — and it all went over Darcy's head.

Then Dike lost his job — with a paper on Park Row, because of his story on the imprisonment of that Eugene Debs, and he didn't want to take it back, and the editor fired him. In the eyes of people like Harley Hopewell this proved what a noble man Dike Jones was. But the furniture company took the piano away, and some of the furniture too, and they didn't have money to pay the grocer and the butcher, and it wasn't Dike Jones who went around to the relatives to borrow money. It was mother who did the dirty work. Dike Jones didn't bother with trivial matters like where to get the money for tonight's dinner. His mind coped only with higher problems.

And it was years before his father again earned a regular salary, and meanwhile his mother sold insurance policies and sewed dresses and once she even worked in a restaurant at night, while young Darcy stayed home to mind his little sisters. His father wasn't around sometimes for months. Dike Jones was being the man around town. He was playing poker until all hours. He was drinking up all the bootleg gin in the speakeasies. He was saying the witty things at the Algonquin that were repeated for years. He was working his way into the circles of the intellectuals and actors and the ladies on Park Avenue who had inherited so much money they couldn't stand the strain. He was making speeches to political groups. Then suddenly — some night — there would be a clumping on the stairs, and he knew it was father staggering up, drunk and sloppy. Once, he had vomited on the stairs. Darcy's mother, of course, cleaned up the mess. She always cleaned up the messes. You wouldn't dare to tell *that* to Harley Hopewell, not ever.

And there were the women. He had no way of knowing how many there were, or how deeply his father had been involved with each of them. More than anything else, he figured, it had been the succession of amours that broke his mother's heart. The most terrifying incident of his life, he believed, had happened when he was ten or eleven years old. There had been the familiar unsteady groping up the stairs. The clattering. He, lying in bed, shivering with terror. Then, through the thin wall that divided his room from theirs, he caught the whisper of their conversation.

The voices grew louder. The storm mounted to a fury. His world was going to pieces. He crept out of bed and tip-toed to the other bedroom. The door was open. The large unshaded electric bulb blinded him. Then he be-

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By Ponce de Leon



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gan to sob. His mother became aware of his presence and she put her arm around him.

Dike Jones sat on the bed, lurching back and forth, trying to untie his shoelaces. His coat was in a heap on the floor. His shirt was unbuttoned and his necktie was untied. His chest was fat and hairy.

"Aren't you ashamed in front of your own son?" his mother shouted. "If you haven't got any respect for yourself, at least have some respect for him. I'm past asking you to have any for me."

"Amy, let's not have the coloratura soprano tonight," Dike said, with his pleasant irony. His voice was thick and he spoke slowly.

"How you could carry on with my best friend I don't know," she said. "I'll never know why you do it with anyone, but at least you might have left her alone."

"It takes two to make a seduction—or a quarrel," he said. "I don't want to quarrel. Mama's little boy wants beddy-baby, mama's little boy wants beddy-baby."

"I don't feel much like sleeping," she said.

"Well," he said, "I'm tired of washing our dirty linen in private. Aren't you ashamed in front of your own son?" He spoke the last phrase with the same inflection in which she had used it a moment before—but he edged it with a satiric undertone.

"If you didn't do these things I wouldn't have to discuss them," she said. "Look at him. Aren't you ashamed? Look." She pushed the boy toward his father.

Suddenly, Dike reared up. "I'm sick and tired of your narrow-minded, bourgeois attitude," he snapped. "You don't know how to bring up children. You're an ignorant fool." He swept the boy aside. He reached for his coat. Then he walked out of the room, out of the house.

That time he was away for almost a year, and before the year was up he had begun to write his own column, although it was not until 1930 that Dike's ideas became stylish. But Amy Jones didn't live to see her husband's greatest glory, which came after 1933. She was dead by then. Dike Jones insisted his son go to college. Darcy wanted to go into business—but Dike Jones had a contempt for business, although he was perfectly willing to receive \$5,000 a broadcast when he was doing a network commentary for Mello, America's favorite dessert.

The four years of college were one continuous effort to stay in obscurity. He was always being held up in comparison with his wonderful father—editor of the school paper, leading actor of the dramatic society, and president

of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society. He remembered how once a delegation from the National Students League—a modern version, with Russian dressing, of the old I.S.S.—came to ask him to join and help lead the campus struggle "against war." "I'm sorry," he said, "but I wouldn't want to join."

"You're Dike Jones's kid, aren't you?" one of them asked.

"Well, yes."

Another leaned forward intently, staring at him through thick, rimless glasses with silver frames. "You're not a—Trotskyite, are you?"

"No."

"Then what's the matter?"

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"Well, you see, I guess—I'm just not interested in politics."

He could see them looking at him as if he were crazy. He couldn't tell them or anybody else—certainly not Dike—that he wanted to join the Chi Psi's or the Psi U's and scream his head off at the Saturday football games and have a beer in Lohmaier's and take a girl walking down the lake road.

Darcy worked hard to get good grades in Modern European History, Economics and Political Science instead. He managed to do well enough to graduate. He would never forget that Wednesday morning in June. He had expected his father on Monday and had reserved a room for him at the best hotel in town. His father didn't come Monday or Tuesday. He had had to go alone to the graduation. He had had to carry his diploma and his bundled-up cap and gown alone in the hot sunlight when the others were being kissed by their mothers and pounded on the back by their fathers. He had gone back to the quiet, abandoned dormitory. He had

left his door open, hoping his father had come in, come late, forgotten the date or missed a train, and would miss him if he didn't open the door. Then he thought maybe his father had the wrong number and had gone to another room. He had opened every door on his floor—they were empty—every room was empty. He went downstairs. He opened and closed every door on the first floor—empty—empty—empty. Finally, he knew his father wasn't coming. The telegram came that night and a wire of \$500, his graduation present. His father had gone to Rome. The opera singer was doing a season at the opera there. Later, his father married the opera singer.

He never told Dike. Maybe Dike tried to be a father. Dike had married twice more—there was a beautiful foreign correspondent after the opera singer and a lot of affairs in between. Dike offered a home to Darcy and his sisters. But Darcy had no stomach for Dike's world of the cocktail party and the perfunctory paternal smile and the theater openings and the dinners at "21" and the slumming parties to a Kentucky coal town or a silk factory in Passaic or a Ku Klux Klan-ridden town in Alabama—wherever the current "issue" was being fought. He was bored by discussions about Russia. He was uneasy with the geniuses his father knew. And he was sickened by the insincerity of his father's women—they kept getting younger as his father got older. Darcy's sisters kept away from the old man, too.

And then he always felt guilty that he had not somehow become the man his father and everybody expected him to become. But there it was, and the old man never knew. Darcy Jones had developed silence into a habit as instinctive as breathing. Nobody suspected how he felt or knew what he thought.

And there it was, until he enlisted in the Marines in 1942. It was a relief to be sent out to the Pacific, because he wouldn't have to be near Dike Jones, who had gone to the European Theater of Operations.

And then there came a day on an island when he sat on a bed, looking out of a window at the waves gently rolling on the sands, and a second lieutenant he knew, the guy was in Public Relations, came in and said they had word Dike was to join the platoon.

"He's your old man, isn't he?" the lieutenant said. Then he got confidential. "The captain is all hopped up about it. Your old man is going to write some columns about the outfit. A thing like that means big things for all of us. Publicity like that can mean a lot of promotions dished out. We want to set up an interview with you and your old man. That will be the biggest human interest angle in this whole damn war."

Dike Jones gets the lowdown from his boy — PFC Jones. You don't mind cooperating, do you, fella?"

Darcy Jones said, "I guess not."

"That's fine," the lieutenant said briskly.

So it had caught up with him once more. Well, they took the photographs and Dike got his human-interest interview and Darcy guessed it did the Marine Corps some good in the end. Then he and his old man walked away by themselves toward the edge of the jungle and he wanted to tell his father how he felt. Darcy was afraid he was going to die in the next island thrust and didn't want to die without telling his father what he had missed all his life. He must have hoped that maybe at the last minute he could extort some kindness, some closeness, some love for himself, even now. But he couldn't get a word out. There wasn't any bridge between them. They would have had to start building that bridge 25 years before. It was too late now — all over — no matter how the war came out.

His father asked him how he was and he said he was fine. And his father asked him if there was anything he could do for him, and he said no. Then his father offered him a drink. Dike had a

pint of Scotch whiskey in his pocket. Darcy took a swallow. Then his father took a long drink. He suddenly realized his father was very drunk, more drunk than usual. He felt a little sorry for his father — because he knew the old man really had no stomach for this war but was doing it because he felt he had to do it. He had that much decency. A lot of other advanced liberals were sitting in comfortable desk jobs with the OWI in New York, Washington and London. He knew his father was drinking his way through the war, and that was what kept him going. Well, it took a lot of guts, even with whiskey. After Darcy said goodbye, his father must have drunk a lot of whiskey, for hours into the night.

They found one of his bottles empty on top of a hill. And they found another one empty at the bottom of the hill not far from where the waves broke into surf. And they found Dike Jones himself floating in the breakers where he had drowned, where he had drowned because he had been drunk and had taken off his clothes and gone for a swim.

Somebody, maybe it was that second lieutenant or maybe it was the captain, had sent out the story two days later,

the story about Dike Jones, combat correspondent, killed during the invasion of a small Jap-held island . . .

"... This man," Hopewell continued, with a catch in his throat, "loved the common people like Lincoln loved them. This Dike Jones, he was a man of the people, and he loved any man who was in trouble — the sharecropper in Arkansas, the coal miner fighting for his rights in a Pennsylvania coal town, the coolie exploited by his white masters — and though he had time for the lighter things of this world, primarily Dike Jones was a man who loved those who suffered and were hungry and . . ."

And then Darcy Jones found himself crying, crying hard. Oh, Dike, Dike, he said to himself, I didn't mind your loving the coal miners and the sharecroppers, but why didn't you love me? Why didn't you ever love me? And it's too late now and I can never tell you and you can never love me because you're dead . . .

By then, Hopewell had finished. The spectators became conscious of Darcy's almost hysterical spasms of tears. They nudged one another and said he must have been moved by the speech and they agreed the speech was a masterpiece.

THE END

Prisoner of War

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The following day the wounded were moved to an air-strip to await evacuation to England. Beamesderfer went with the German contingent. His morale hit a new low.

While they waited for clearance, the POW's were assigned to work details. One morning, an American lieutenant handed Beamesderfer a pick and told him to dig a garbage pit. The corporal revolted.

"Like the devil I will!" he stormed. He called to a couple of Germans.

"Get these tools and start digging," he ordered.

They did. The lieutenant was im-

pressed. From that time forward, Beamesderfer found himself in the position of detail boss. The officers came to him for men whenever there was a job to be done.

The German POW's looked on Beamesderfer with respect. They were convinced that he was one of them, playing it smart. Many tried to gain his confidence; tried to get special favors.

Finally, the group was herded into an airplane and flown to England. Upon arrival, Beamesderfer was separated from the other men and placed in a tent by himself. He continued to plead

and argue with every American who came near him, but still no one would believe his story. He tried to talk to the M.P.'s who were on guard duty, but they paid no attention to him. At last, to keep from going crazy, he began talking to himself. He talked about his home town in Pennsylvania. One M.P. showed interest.

"Did I hear you mention Lancaster?" he asked.

Beamesderfer nodded. They began to talk about Lancaster and other places in Pennsylvania. And Beamesderfer scored a victory. He convinced the M.P. that he was really an American.

"But what can I do?" he asked.

The M.P., more brawny than brainy, scratched his head, then grinned.

"Why don't you insult the captain when he comes around? It might do some good and I'll get a kick out of it."

"Okay, I will."

The next time the captain came to bandage his almost well hand, Beamesderfer looked him squarely in the eye and said:

"Why don't you take a flying leap in the lake?"

"What?"

"You're not deaf. You've got rocks in your head."

"What?"

A few more choice remarks and the captain was speechless with rage. He

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stormed out of the tent. "I'll get someone to fix you," he yelled back over his shoulder.

A few minutes later he returned with a colonel in tow. The colonel began a lecture in German. Beamesderfer stopped him cold.

"You don't have to talk German, dammit. I'm an American."

He broke down then and started to cry like a baby. The officers left him, but the next day the colonel came back with an intelligence interrogator. The man began to ask questions about the United States, things an ordinary German would not know. Beamesderfer answered them all and then threw in a few questions of his own.

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called 'The Garden Spot of the World!?' he asked. "It's also called the Red Rose City."

The interrogator admitted that he wasn't too familiar with Lancaster's reputation, but promised to make inquiries.

"Also," he said, "we'll send to Washington and see if your fingerprints are on file. But Lord help you if they aren't."

After that it was wait and sweat. Beamesderfer knew that his prints had to be there, but the preceding weeks had shaken his faith in reality. Eventually, the day arrived when he was brought before the colonel and the intelligence officer.

"We are happy to inform you," the colonel said, "that you are an American."

Beamesderfer stood there, limp as a rag doll, too relieved to say the nasty things that had been building up within him during the days of waiting.

From that moment, Beamesderfer really started living. He was granted any wish within reason. The colonel ordered a formal review and publicly apologized to Beamesderfer in the name of the United States Army.

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"Not thirty-one days," he scoffs. "It was thirty-one years!"

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"What a loss to science!" sighs Miss Gilbert. "No one to this day knows what electricity really is, and here we have a genius who could explain it—but forgot!"

From where I sit, I hope this taught Skip that you're better off if you admit you don't know all answers. Some grownups haven't learned that yet—like the ones who are always telling other people what's best and what's right and what's wrong. I like a temperate glass of beer, myself, but if you prefer buttermilk I won't argue. I've seen too many "know-it-alls" turn out to be wrong!

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Wealth From Your Woodlot

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Tree Farm System, a phenomenal movement to protect and replenish the nation's forests, was launched in 1941 by the giant Weyerhaeuser Timber Company of Washington. In ten years, from one experimental 120,000-acre tract, it has spread to 29 states, with a dozen more planning to join the ranks.

Farmers and other non-industrial owners such as Killough constitute about 70 percent of these modern tree growers. The other 30 percent are industrial forest owners. More than a third of the West's huge commercial timberlands are under strict Tree Farm management.

The Tree Farm movement has had a miraculous growth. The Weyerhaeuser people undoubtedly had no idea it would "catch on" as it did. They simply decided to reclaim a vast logged-off area by setting it to seedlings—noting new in itself. But in the heavily forested Northwest, where logged-off land was always considered worthless, planting for a second-growth crop struck veteran timbermen as plain damn foolishness. Perhaps their very denunciation of the outlandish scheme called public attention to it. Certainly, this initial tract soon became a tourist attraction, even luring many out-of-state loggers. They were impressed. Trees didn't just "grow"; they could be raised as a crop!

And so, the greatest conservation and reforestation campaign ever conceived came into being. It is under the direction of the American Forest Products Industries of Washington, D. C., a public service organization dedicated to the protection of timber resources and encouragement of good forest practices.

Records in the AFPI files show that nearly three million new Tree Farm acres are certified each year; that youth groups in 40 states, such as the Future Farmers of America and 4-H Clubs, have extensive tree-planting projects underway. The Boy Scouts own an 80,000-acre Tree Farm in New Mexico. The Forestry and Soil Conservation Services are solidly behind the movement, supplying farmers with advice and assistance in growing trees.

Forestry officials believe that within a few years every heavily timbered state will have large areas of protected Tree Farms, and those without timber will be busy planting logged-off and non-tillable acreage. It is even predicted that the vast treeless plains, where wind and water take their annual toll of life and crops, will one day be checkerboarded with protective green forests. Such comparatively recent projects as Keep America Green, Cash Crops, More Trees For Tomorrow, and other Tree Farm organizations for renewing the nation's wood stockpile, may well attain phenomenal ends.

What is responsible for this unprecedented tree-planting boom? Well, not conservation alone! Profit is a prominent factor. Show a man how to make money and he'll "buy" the idea. The farmer's woodlot has suddenly become a modest gold mine. A few years back it was his "forgotten acres" because it returned at most 7 or 8 percent of his yearly income. This was particularly true of the South which, just 30 years ago, the Government "wrote off" as a timber producer. Today, thanks to the

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Compare this with the not-so-distant past, when a logger was happy if he sold a scant 37 percent of a tree trunk. The rest was waste. He "clear cut" and moved on, leaving vast denuded areas disfigured by stumps and mountains of sawdust and refuse wood. These heaps quickly became dangerous fire hazards and perfect breeding places for wood-eating insects—the latter destroy more timber each year than fire. This indiscriminate removal of ALL trees caused even more serious damage. It destroyed valuable watersheds. Floods and erosion of agricultural land resulted. Fishing streams dried up. Cover for game and wildlife vanished. Dust bowls followed.

Such waste is strictly outmoded. With modern lumbering practices and the discovery of thousands of uses for wood, it is not uncommon for fully 80 percent of a tree to be converted into useful products. There are some 6,000 of these. They include chemicals, plastics, rayon, alcohol, fiberwood, cattle molasses, turpentine, paper, fuel logs, to name a few. Prodigal man no longer wastes mountains of sawdust—it's worth money.

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So it goes. Gone are the woods scrap heaps. Tree Farmers, come logging time, leave a clean forest. Debris piles are worth dollars. Technology has come up with uses for many species of trees heretofore considered worthless. For example, aspen, long a useless "weed" species, today supplies a fourth of the pulpwood cut in the Lakes states. For many years paper-making was restricted to softwoods because of hardwood's low yield of fiber strength. Now, however, the pulp and paper industry uses many lesser species and malformed trees formerly discarded.

This new economy and prosperity have raised the wages of woodworkers and shot timber prices up. Today, because of wood's myriad uses, more than 60,000 firms are engaged in its processing, and they employ 10 million workers. More important still, forest drain-trees removed by logging operations—is continually dropping. In 1918, the drain was four times the growth. In 1944, it was only 1.02 times the growth. Meaning that the growth rate, in relation to drain, more than quadrupled that of 30 years ago.

Let's consider another facet of this nationwide tree-consciousness. Prior to 1941, there were less than 1,000 professional foresters at work. Today there are more than 3,000 on a full-time schedule. Flip the pages back to 1905 and we find one—yes, ONE—forester on the government payroll!

As this is written, nearly 7,000 men are battling forest fires along a 1,400-mile front in California, Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Oregon



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officials say it is the third largest fire in the state's history. In 1949, more than 15 million acres of valuable virgin timberland burned—and that was the lowest annual acreage loss in history!

So the Tree Farm System, designed primarily to replant cutover areas, means that every Tree Farm forms a link in a gigantic chain of vigilant timber watchers who collectively guard the forests against all menaces.

Devastating forest fires will not decrease simply by *asking* the public to please be careful. They will not decrease until all our timbered areas are under constant supervision. It's a big job and it's apparently up to the Tree Farmers. Reason: With only 3,000 government foresters watching over our 624 million acres of trees, each forester in effect must pound a beat of roughly 68,000 acres! Quite a feat, when this means keeping an eye on the actions of thousands of tourists and campers, hunters and fishermen, who together cause 90 percent of all forest fires.

To swell this highly essential woods police force, then, it behooves every woodlot owner to become a Tree Farmer, thus forging more links in the ever-growing chain of vigilance. It is to his own benefit as well as his country's.

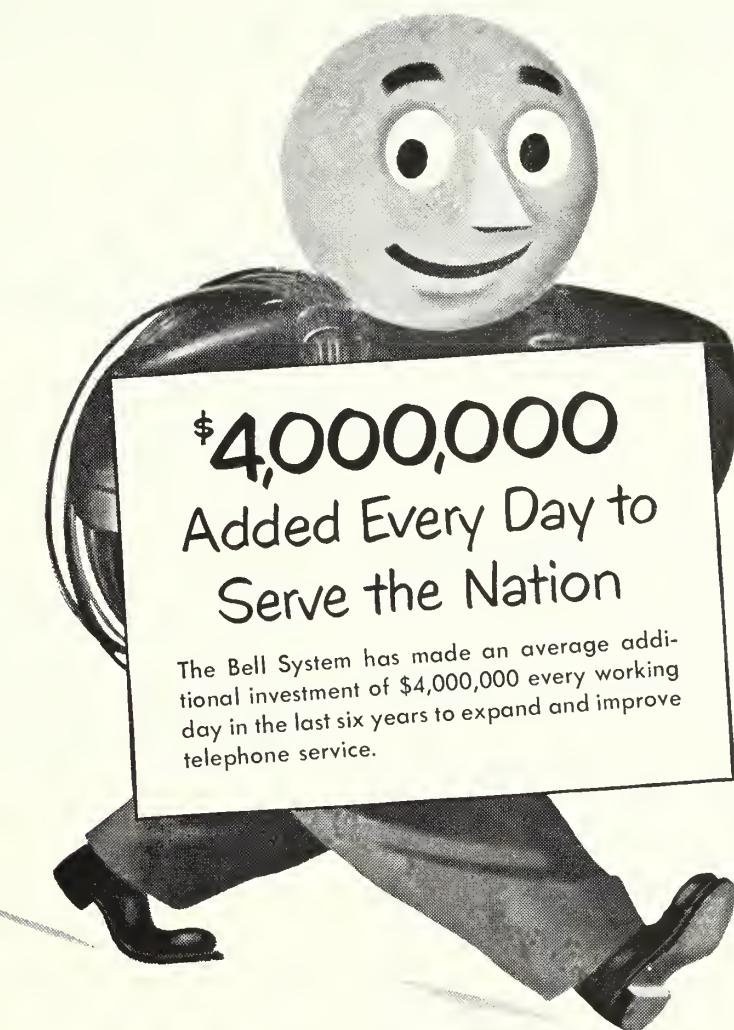
As a raw material, trees are as basic to the welfare and security of the people as are iron, coal and oil—all expendables. Of all natural resources, only wood is replaceable. Only wood can be grown as a regular agricultural crop, just like cotton, corn and wheat.

Wood is an exceptional crop in many ways. In this period of surplus and subsidy, it's a rare crop that is planted and harvested without benefit of production payment. Not wood. Tree Farming stands on its own feet and pays its own way. Subsidies for wood production are not given, asked, or expected.

It follows that a Tree Farmer is a pretty independent fellow. Why not? He owns a woodlot, which may be only a few acres or a tract as big as Rhode Island. He has complied with all the requirements necessary for certification, such as maintaining adequate fire protection, fencing cattle out of his woods, selective cutting of trees, and replanting depleted areas in seedlings.

He has opened a bank account in his once "forgotten acres." His trees are sending his children to college, paying off the homestead, buying an old-age annuity. He's found additional and lasting security in his woods. While bettering his own condition, he is contributing materially to the greatness of his country. And, being an American, perhaps therein lies the answer to the Tree Farm's enormous popularity, and the Tree Farmer's peace of mind.

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nock met his end. He took one chance too many and while the kid escaped and dived for home, Mick went down in flames.

Billy Bishop, the jaunty Canadian who flew in the old Royal Flying Corps, is officially credited with 72 victories, most of which were racked up during the wild summer of 1917. Bishop flew a 90 h.p. Nieuport carrying one Vickers and one Lewis gun. Neither weapon was capable of firing more than 350 rounds per minute, but "Bish" seldom used up more than a ten-round burst to end his air duels. Once he knocked a Hun two-seater down with exactly four shots. He was probably the greatest aerial marksman ever produced in any war.

It took Captain James Jabara months to shoot down six Korean red Mig 15s. On March 25, 1918 Captain J. L. Trollop, also a Royal Flying Corps ace, encountered and destroyed six German fighters in one morning's hunt. On May 8th of the same year the famed French air master René Fonck duplicated Trollop's feat by getting half-a-dozen in one afternoon.

World War I had aces by the hundreds. Even World War II, which lasted more than five years and employed six-gun fighters capable of 400 m.p.h. speed, couldn't compare with the air action of the First World War.

No ace in the 1939-45 conflict racked up more than 40 confirmed victories. In the 1914-18 campaign there were dozens of air heroes with anything from 40 to 80 victories. The British had thirteen aces with more than 40 enemy planes to their credit. The Germans had twelve

with scores ranging from 40 to 80 credits. The French had at least four airmen who were credited with destroying forty or more enemy aircraft.

These early fliers had no parachutes and every engagement was a duel to the death. Their planes, disdainfully termed "crates" today, were obviously greater fighters than anything we can produce today. Their victory records prove it.

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Our war correspondents today write glibly of dogfights over Korea, but such aerial engagements are utterly impossible in these air battles involving 500-mile-an-hour jet fighters. That is



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the main reason why the Air Force of today can never produce the air fighters and the record scores their fathers racked up in the First World War.

For this reason then, Captain Jabara's six-plane exploit is impressive, and all credit to him. He had the guns, the air speed and the targets but instead of aiding him in running up a lengthy score, all these fighting features combined to outwit him.

His jet fighter was too fast. There was seldom a chance for a real air duel. There could be no such thing as a dog-fight, as it was known in 1917-18, be-



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cause you can't handle fifty or sixty 500-mile-an-hour fighters in an area limited enough to set up a mass air duel of any proportions. Where the Sopwith Camel could turn in a space of twenty or thirty feet the modern jet fighter takes a couple of miles. When Captain Jabara was diving on a target he was probably hitting 650 m.p.h. and attempting to hit another plane moving at a comparable speed. There wasn't the time to draw a bead, plan an attack or figure the angle of approach. Maybe they have instruments to do all that, but so far they do not seem to be earning their cost.

We salute Captain Jabara, Colonel Meyers and my old friend Colonel "Gabby" Gabreski, but if we're going to brag about our air fighters we'll have to go back to World War I for the real records.

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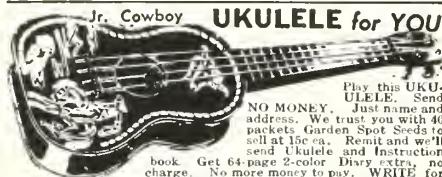
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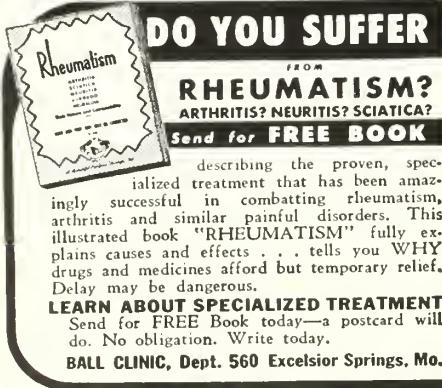
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The Citizen Soldier

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Legion's greatest challenge. Its membership for the most part have been and are citizen soldiers of the Republic. They have learned, some from bitter experience, of the restrictions inherent in the long prevailing relationship between the Army's several components. They must insist upon that degree of efficiency and morale essential to maximize the strength of the new citizen army, which alone can come from close integration, with leadership and rank selected solely upon the basis of merit.

The American Legion is in best position to guide this normal development. It must alert itself against political efforts already noticeable to suppress the voice and opinion of the citizen soldier, whether active or inactive. It must insist that the role of the citizen army be to serve no special interests, but rather the common welfare and protection of all of the people.

Our country is facing one of the grave crises in American history—not so much from external threat, although the forces of evil which our own political and military blunders have helped so much to build, must by no means be ignored—but from internal pressures which threaten the very survival of our liberties. These pressures have already made sharp inroads into our free way of life and impaired much of the incentive which has encouraged development of those basic virtues and traits of character from which has emerged our tra-

ditional American initiative, American energy and that indomitable American will which in past has preserved our moral balance and produced our material strength.

It is essential that the traditional role of the Army in these distressing times be carefully preserved—that it be not used as an instrument of tyranny or oppression—a form of pretorian guard—by those seeking to strengthen and entrench personal political power—but that it be used instead as a force of free men dedicated to its sworn purpose of "defending the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic."

It is imperative that the citizen army now in the making be not corrupted by the same influences which have tended to corrupt the principle of representative government—that it be sustained on that high moral plane which befits the noble purpose it is organized to serve. This can only be if the service of the citizen soldier is held to a level of dignity and opportunity which commands his fullest measure of devotion.

To this purpose, The American Legion should enlist its wisdom and undeviating interest. It should utilize its full influence to the end that our military policy be so oriented as to ensure a citizen army cast in the mould of our exalted traditions and dedicated to the primacy of the people's service.

THE END

Bowling Strikes It Rich

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she accepts the divvy at season's end.

Yet the American Bowling Congress, the austere governing body, takes the stand that a bowler is neither amateur nor professional. It also takes the benevolent stand on the kitty business by intoning that "the winning of cash prizes under the uniform entry fee system awarded on the basis of pre-agreed-upon prize lists does not in any way constitute gambling."

It is the A. B. C. which has guided the sport in its spectacular expansion. It was organized in 1895, but in 1932, when Elmer Baumgarten took over as secretary it had only four employees, one nickel pay phone in its Milwaukee office, and 32,000 member teams. Today it has 325,147 teams and some 1,500,000 individual members, 60 employees, and is building a \$300,000 office plant in Milwaukee, one of the ancient strongholds of the game, due, no doubt, to its large German population.

At the first A. B. C. in 1901 the prize money totaled \$1,592. In the record

breaking A. B. C. in 1948 at Detroit, awards totaled \$412,000. Yet the winner of the singles receives only \$500. The winning team pockets \$2,500, and \$1,000 goes to the doubles champion and all-events winner. In no other huge sporting event are the top prizes so modest. The A. B. C. spreads its thousands of prize awards, starting at \$5.

The American Bowling Congress calls itself a "non-profit service organization, operated and governed by the bowlers to reflect their combined thinking on all subjects related to the progress and refinement of the game." It has certified leagues in 15,000 cities and towns in the country.

Membership in the organization is by teams which pay annual dues to the city associations, which send along to the parent group \$1.50 for each team. To clients it furnishes a set of instructional and inspirational books and awards for high games—a gold medal for perfect 300 games, a silver one for 299, and a bronze one for 298. Since

1908, it has recognized more than 3,000 perfect games.

One of its achievements was stamping out bookmaking in alleys where the top bowlers performed. The bookies would mingle among the competitors and lay odds against individual and team performance. The A. B. C. posted a notice in every establishment threatening expulsion for life to operators who did not chase out the gamblers. One of the top pin topplers was barred for 10 years when the A. B. C. ruled him guilty of cheating in a national tournament.

Chicago and Detroit are the bellwethers of bowling. It is in these two cities that most of the stars are concentrated. It is in these cities that industrial firms pay huge sponsorship fees.

At first breweries were the backbone of the bowling leagues; now other businesses use the sport as vigorously for advertising purposes. Pabst sponsors almost 2,000 teams throughout the nation. It backed the great Buddy Bomar and his team for two years, giving them a \$15,000 annual fee for tournament expenses and the prestige gained from their performance. Bomar's team this season is giving its all for the Jockey-Coopers of Kenosha, Wis., and their \$15,000 guarantee is believed to be tops.

Bomar was a member of the Chicago Tavern Pales, who won the national title in 1948-1949. In that season the six-man team won \$40,000 in prizes. Bomar captured the rich Petersen Classics in Chicago and Detroit, worth \$10,000 then. Under an agreement with his teammates he kept 50 percent of his individual winnings, the other portion going into the kitty and being split six ways, with Buddy participating.

The Petersen Classic is bowling's biggest money event. Now restricted to Chicago, it distributes \$50,000 in cash, of which \$10,000 goes to the winner among the thousands who pay a \$30 entry fee. A few years ago, Louis Petersen, the old fox of the game, installed a gimmick wherein the leading eight in the Classic would roll an extra four games, the winner of each to collect \$1,000. An additional \$1,000 went to the bowler with the highest total for the four games. Under this plan, the champion received only \$5,000.

The gent who won that year also picked up \$2,000 in the bonus roll-off. A few days later he approached Petersen and asked for a five-dollar loan.

"What did you do with all the money?" asked Petersen, a frugal soul.

When the champ confessed he had gambled it away, old Pete altered his system. He eliminated the roll-off and raised first place money to \$10,000. Half of this he held in self-appointed trust, sending it in monthly installments for a year to the wife of the winner!

The Classic brings most of the na-

tion's elite to Pete's ancient 35th-Archer alleys on the southwest side. It's called the Bear Trap and the place is older than its 64-year-old proprietor. The Classic is open to everyone with an average of 180 and up. Every once in a while an unknown wins the grueling test of eight games over sixteen alleys. Running concurrently each year is the Dom DeVito tournament, also in Chicago, with a top award of \$3,500 and a prize list totaling \$25,000.

A third Chicago blue ribbon event is the Barney Hochstadter Junior Classic, which yearly attracts a field of 5,000, each of whom pays \$17 for eight games and a shot at the top \$4,000 purse. The prize money total is \$50,000, which includes a special roll-off among the leading eight for four games worth \$500 each, plus \$500 for the high total.

The Hochstadter tourney has been an invitation to chiselers, much to their sorrow. Bowlers who have averaged over 186 any year in a five-year period are not accepted, which automatically eliminates the hot shots. The record of every entrant is inspected by Barney and his wife, and when there are suspicions that contestants are ringers their home alleys are contacted to determine if the bowler is falsifying his average. Some 200 have been detected and disqualified.

The winner one year was a banker from downstate Illinois. He had for-

gotten that his average had gone over 186 a few years previously. When it was discovered his embarrassment at having been caught exceeded the natural anguish of having to surrender the four grand. Hochstadter, because of his watchfulness against deceit, is known as the One Man Vigilante Committee.

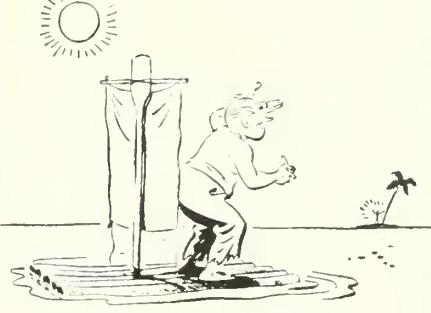
Bowling's infamous dodo ball is only a hazy memory, but precautions are taken at all leading tournaments to prevent its reappearance. The sharpies of yesteryear loaded their bowling balls with heavy tea leaf lead, making them correspond in effectiveness to loaded dice. Each bowling ball is inspected and must not weigh more than 16 pounds. It also must be in perfect balance, which a dodo ball decidedly would not be. The balls then are locked up, to be handled no more by the bowler until he goes into action. This guards against the possibility of a switch.

The late Joe Falcaro of New York was bowling a big money match in Chicago years ago. Chesty Joe got the maximum of running space by pressing the back of his legs against the square spectator benches then in vogue. From this position he would take his run to the foul line. Joe never was in better form than on this night. He piled up a decisive lead, much to the distress of a Chicago bowling alley owner who had a chunk riding on the New Yorker's

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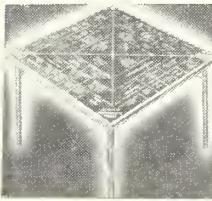


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opponent. But the anxiety was only temporary. Slyly, the Chicagoan inched back the bench and from then on Falcaro's effectiveness decreased, much to his puzzlement. Joe lost his co-ordination—and the match.

For sheer, legitimate trickery—artistry perhaps is a better word—Count Gengler's perfect-game challenge had no equal. The Count would plant his feet at the foul line, roll a few practice balls to get the range, then offer to wager he'd throw a 300 game if allowed to maintain his stance. This would necessitate someone handing the ball to him each time it was returned from the pits. More often than you'd think, the Count came up with the required 12 straight strikes.

Few of the other tournaments in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, or the other large centers carry more than a \$1,000 or \$2,000 top award, which puts the three big Chicago shows far out in front.

Only the American Bowling Congress can advertise its tournament as the world championship. The Bowling Proprietors yearly stage national tournaments in singles, doubles, team, and all-events, but the winners in the separate competitions sometimes overlap, as they do this year.

The Proprietors' 1951 individual All-Star match game champion is Dick Hoover, a 22-year-old salesman from Akron, Ohio. The doubles title was won by Buzz Fazio and Pete Lindemann of the Strohs Beer team of Detroit, one of the finest units in bowling. Lindemann also captured the all-events crown and the E. & B. team, also of Detroit, won the team championship.

The American Bowling Congress's

singles champ is 30-year-old Lee Jouglard of Detroit, a member of the Strohs. His 775 at St. Paul set an all-time A.B.C. record, beating by a point the old standard set in 1930 by Larry Shotwell of Covington, Ky. A couple of citizens from Lansing, Mich., Bob Benson and Ed Marshall, won the doubles with 1,334. Lindemann grabbed the all-events with 2,005—based on three games each in the singles, doubles, and team play. The big surprise came when an obscure Chicago quintet, the C. B. O'Malleys, won the team title. The team all-events went to the Strohs, whose 9,506 was an all-time A. B. C. mark.

Fazio is captain of the Strohs and the 43-year-old was dependent on bowling for his livelihood when his team collected \$4,655 in the 1951 A. B. C. The Strohs lineup also includes Pete Carter, 39, a bowling equipment salesman for Brunswick-Balke-Collender, which corrals most of the stars; Tony Lindemann, 31, an architectural draftsman; Ed Lubanski, 21, checker at a Detroit automobile plant, and Jouglard, who in October was named bowler of the year by the nation's bowling writers. He sells bowling paraphernalia.

The bowling writers' selections of the top ten for the 1950-1951 season emphasized the dominance of Chicago and Detroit, which landed seven of the places. Hoover (Akron) was second in the balloting to Jouglard (Detroit), followed by Steve Nagy of Cleveland. Then came the avalanche in this order: Junie McMahon and Joe Wilman of Chicago, Tony Lindemann of Detroit, Ed Kawolics of Chicago, Therman Gibson of Detroit, and William Lillarl of Chicago. The East escaped a shutout when Stan Slomenski of Newark, N. J.,



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landed the tenth spot in the rating. Yet the game's most colorful performer is Andy Varipapa, the 55-year-old from Brooklyn, the only man to win two successive All-Star titles in Chicago. He is the greatest trick shot exhibitionist the game has known. He probably has made more appearances across the country than any bowler in history.

For year in and year out consistency the Chicago trio of Joe Wilman, Buddy Bomar, and Ned Day are hard to beat. None of the three has won an A. B. C. singles crown, but both Wilman and Day are former all-events champions. While unable to capture the singles title, their class told in the combined singles, doubles and team events.

Day is perhaps bowling's leading money-maker. With Harold Lloyd of the movies and Hank Marino of Milwaukee, he owns an elegant bowling house in Santa Monica, Cal., his own establishment in West Allis, a Milwaukee suburb, and works for Brunswick. A handsome 40-year-old, complete with wavy hair, he was born in Los Angeles.

Wilman, a 155-pound frustrated baseball pitcher who quit after a season in the Nebraska State league two decades ago, is a native of Indiana. He's 45 and a specialist on installation and marking of alleys. Bomar, who was born in Ardmore, Okla., in 1915, first won national fame at Dallas, then moved to Chicago. He also is on the Brunswick payroll for exhibitions and other chores.

These stars, like most topnotchers, use the spot system for mayhem against the pins. Some pick a spot from a point at or near the foul line, while others sight farther down the lanes. In either case, the principle is the same, because while making the approach and delivering, the bowler keeps his head down,



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intent only on the spot and not the pins. This can be compared to the golfer who keeps his eyes on the ball while he is swinging and not the green. Wrist action of the stars never varies, nor do they change their delivery to compensate for varying conditions on the drives.

Day was having trouble with a pair of alleys in an All-Star tourney a few years ago. "Ned," said a friend cautiously, "I've watched you flounder on these alleys for years. Why don't you move over to the right?"

Ned paid no heed to the advice.

"Rather than change my timing," he told his well-meaning helper after he was through, "I'll take a low score on those two alleys so I won't lose my coordination on the other ones."

All bowlers have pet theories on deliveries and the type of ball. Dr. Henry A. Hattstrom, an Evanston optometrist, has a four-fingered ball, leaving only his little finger free, claiming it helps

his control. The most popular taw is a three-fingered one — for the thumb and two middle fingers. Wilman and Day are among the few stars who still use only the two-fingered ball.

The greatest individual feat in bowling was accomplished by Allie Brandt, 125-pound billiard room owner from Lockport, N. Y., who in 1939 tossed games of 297, 289, and 300 in league competition. His total of 886 was only 14 short of a perfect performance.

It may be a long time before a team comes along to match the all-time national record of 3,797 set by the Hermann Undertakers of St. Louis in 1938. They rolled games of 1,261, 1,211, and 1,325. Here's what the five members did: Buzz Wilson, 709; Ray Holmes, 792; Fred Taff, 766; Bob Wills, 771, including a 290, and Sam Garafalo, 759.

The national doubles record of 1,563 is held by Joe Sinke and Herb Freitag of Chicago. Sinke is a veteran mail carrier. Freitag is a milk driver.

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The American Bowling Congress records aren't as spectacular. The Birk Brothers of Chicago shot 3,234 in 1938. Gil Zunker and Frank Benkovic of Milwaukee, rolled 1,413 in the doubles in 1933, and Max Stein of Belleville, Ill., hit 2,070 in the all-events in 1937. Jougard set the singles record last spring with his 775.

Who was the greatest bowler of all time and could the stars of bygone years keep up with today's pace setters?

"Those are tough questions," says historian Ripple, who has watched the best come and go since the early 1900s. "Jimmy Blouin, the redhead from Blue Island, Ill., would get a lot of votes as the best head-to-head bowler. By that I mean bowling against a single opponent. He won the A. B. C. singles back in 1911. Could Jack Dempsey have

whipped Joe Louis? Comparing bowlers of different generations is just as difficult.

"Conditions were vastly different when Blouin bowled than now. There was no order in the bowling places. Bettors would protect their investments by heckling and even trying to trip the other bowler. But Jimmy used to laugh at them unless they tried to bounce a ball or a pin off his head. He and some of the other oldtimers had great powers of concentration."

Then Ripple paused.

"Times certainly have changed," he mused. "I was officiating at a title match a few years ago and I happened to raise my voice a trifle as a star bowler was taking his stance. He stopped and glared at me. Where did the guy think he was — on a golf course!"

THE END

1.



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Vets with Ideas



Sometimes the "Attic" is so full you have to back out.

He Found Money in Grandma's Attic

By RAYMOND F. LEE

GRANDMA'S ATTIC is one of Hollywood's few novelties that hasn't been before the movie cameras. The sightseer or antique collector or seeker of knicknacks can rub elbows with a browsing movie star, buy a mail box made from either a doll's trunk or a sewing machine drawer, or listen to Grandma wax poetic about the untold possibilities of discarded "junk." Of course Grandma herself isn't Grandma but an energetic young man named Forest Graves.

When Forest Graves' paternal grandmother passed away he received a legacy—a garage full of what looked like junk. His wife, Lynn, sighed despairingly. Their own garage was jammed to the air with things they'd been collecting for years. Now all this!

As a disabled Word War II veteran, Forest found his former wage-earning,

trumpet playing in radio and dance bands, too strenuous. For twenty years he'd nearly blown his head off for music and now—one more sour note.

But as they began looking through the "junk" the Graves discovered several good brass pieces that needed only some polish, a sewing machine about seventy-five years old that Forest decided would make a lampstand and a couple of cherry wood chairs that sandpaper and varnish would make like new.

Lynn suddenly got an idea. Why not open a little buy-trade-sell nook? He'd always liked pawing around discarded things so why not try to make a living out of it, make their hobby pay off now? They certainly had a good stock to start. Forest's hopes soared. It was a swell way to make a living. But what about a place?

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The next day the Graves drove all over town and in the 900-block on North Virgil found an empty grocery store that looked like the perfect spot.

As they surveyed the outside Forest smiled enthusiastically. "You know, I think a good name would be Grandma's Attic. Because that's the kind of odds and ends we'll be carrying - attic discards that can be rehabilitated with a minimum of imagination and effort."

Two years have passed since Grandma's Attic first startled the Virgil neighborhood. At first everyone thought it was a joke - another Hollywoodism. But when they got to nosing around, dropping in to browse, the opinions changed quickly.

Some weeks Grandma's Attic looks as bare as a bone. Other weeks it is packed so full that Forest has to back out at night after jamming everything into place.

Inside, Grandma's Cupboard is a favorite with everyone. A sort of grab bag where anything from a potato masher to a brass candlestick can turn up. The cupboard is also bare many days due to the interest in its varied stock. Forest finds it the hardest to keep stocked up.

A small stairway leads to a sort of balcony where items still "undiscovered" by the Graves will some day be sorted out and brought to light. Of course the browser is allowed to stumble up and around in this simulated attic to his heart's content.

As to price, Forest says he is not a bargainer. He will trade, buy or sell as the moment demands. His main aim is to keep his stock moving.

The happiest days for the Graves are

"shopping" days in which they hunt for "junk." It's quite an art which sometimes backfires. You may think you have gotten something valuable very cheap and then find out you've been fooled. But that doesn't bother these folks. Forest comes up with so many strange ideas about use and abuse of recognized objects that he never really loses any money.

To quote Grandma: "If you don't know what to do with it, plant it."

Forest's doll trunks and sewing machine drawers for mail boxes are his top sellers in the novelty line. He never can supply the demand.

Some strange things have happened in Grandma's Attic. One day an irate lady rushed in while Forest was sandpapering a table and cried out indignantly: "How dare you take a perfectly good scale and put a plant in it? It's horrible to waste things with all the shortages and a war going on. It's people like you who make it hard for people like me to get things."

Calm by nature, Forest was even calmer to the excited lady. And believe it or not, he sold her the scale before she left, after he explained it had several holes in it, couldn't possibly be rehabilitated.

For an array of old photographs and pictures, Forest has paid dearly. They are slow-sellers, but he doesn't regret buying them. After all Grandma has to have the place dressed up.

Forest and Lynn Graves are happy people, happy in a simple way, taking other folks' discarded ware and touching it up with their own personality, giving it a new lustre and passing it on for others to enjoy. That is happy living which should inspire all.

THE END



It Says In The Book

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looking for an ancient steering wheel.

"But Dad," he cried. "Somebody else will get it."

"Get what?"

"The steering wheel!"

I tried to explain the thing logically, as I had learned something of logic in my freshman (it also turned out to be my senior) year at college.

"Son," I said kindly, "there ain't no steering wheel."

He looked at me as though I had said there wasn't no Santa Claus.

"Once upon a time, son," I went on, lifting him to my knee as we rocked before the fire, "once upon a time there may have been a man who had an old steering wheel and threw it on a dump. But today things are different. There is no such thing as an old steering wheel, there are only near-new steering wheels, and they are attached to near-new cars. What you imagine is an auto dump is a used-car sales lot, and whatever is there is for sale, and not for free pickings. The old dump, son, is gone. Gone with the old fishing hole, the old swimming hole, the long black stocking with the hole in the heel, Ma's apple pie and covered bridges. It's a part of our past, son. The dump now belongs to history."

"But Pa," the lad whimpered through my fingers, "the Wolf book says you can find an old steering wheel on a dump. We have to look. It says so."

"There are no steering wheels on no dumps!" I thundered.

"Double negative, Pa," the child yelped. "Get your coat and let's go."

"By Jeeter and by Lester," I cried, "I will prove to you that there are no dumps and no steering wheels on them."

"How, Pop?"

"Follow me," I ordered, determined I would never be a part of such foolishness as looking for old steering wheels lying carelessly on dumps that didn't exist. "I'll show you where those things are not."

Out we went. Through town, across the trees and into the river, over the tracks and under the culverts, until at last we stood on a snowy, windswept clearing. "This," I said sarcastically to my apprentice Eskimo who was up to his eyebrows in snow, "is the dump. Now where is your steering wheel?"

"I think I got it, Pop," he answered from beneath the snow. In a moment he reappeared holding a length of rusted stove pipe. "Hold this, Dad," he commanded and dived again.

"You see," I said some time later as we staggered homeward. "There wasn't any steering wheel."

"What steering wheel?" he asked blankly.

"The one you were going to find for your car," I mumbled through the ice cubes between my teeth.

"Oh," he said happily, "I gave up that idea long ago. I'm going to use the old stove pipe in a clubhouse I'll build, and this old iron bed can be part of the observation tower, and that piece of linoleum can be the tepee cover, and this box of old bottles can be made into a musical instrument, and that broken rake handle is just right for a machine gun, and..."

And I want to make one thing clear. These twinges of apoplexy I feel haven't been caused by one such incident, but by many, and all are the work of people



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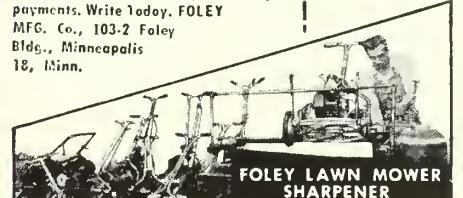
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Now you take this fellow who wrote that there was an old steering wheel on the dump. He didn't say maybe there would be a dump and a steering wheel, he said go and get the one that is there. And my son believed him. As a result I freeze my feet, bring home a collection of junk that will be a cause of domestic contention until I have it hauled away.

These How-To Assumers feed not only on children, but on adults as well. The other day my wife was looking through a magazine hoping to find a pattern she liked so she could make a couple of dresses.

"Here's a lovely dress," she said. "You can't buy a thing like it in the stores, and it can be made with odds and ends."

I cringed, waiting for the hook.

"Go up into your attic," my wife read aloud, "and get your great-grandmother's wedding gown, and carefully cut the lace from the silk. Next, take the largest pearls from the string she bequeathed you, and . . ."

And?

My wife is wearing gingham, and I'll tell you why. The wedding gown in the attic is as real as the steering wheel on the dump. It so happens that my wife's great-grandmother was the first girl to be married in a bathing suit at Miami Beach, and the only pearl she ever owned was one she discovered in an oyster, an event that so excited

her that she swallowed both with a dash of hot sauce.

Even I have been caught again and again by the How-To Assumers, and I wonder if I will ever escape them.

Every once in a while I get the urge to make something useful for the house. And whenever I do, I buy some magazine with the latest easy methods for making your own combination foot-scrappers and cigarette lighters, or sliding doors for the dog house. And every time I am stabbed to defeat by a How-To Assumer.

Not very long ago I saw an interesting bird-bath-and-tobacco-humidor that could be put together in a few minutes by the average man. That appealed to me, since my parrot likes to smoke a pipe while he bathes. I decided to make it so I read the directions.

"Take several small pieces of mahogany base shoe from your box of wood scraps . . ."

"May Allah destroy your tribe!" I howled, throwing the book from me. Again I had been trapped!

Take! With what cool assurance this writer assumes that I have a box filled with scrap wood, that it contains mahogany base shoe or any other common stuff found in orange crates and apple boxes. Take indeed! As we say in this part of the country, I took and threw the book into the fire, and the parrot has to use the tub in the bathroom like the rest of the family.

Another article we ran across had wonderful ideas for making furry little animal toys for the kiddies. "Take your old fur coat," it began, "and . . ."

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and why was it if other ladies had old fur coats they could *cut up* into toys, that she couldn't even have *one* measly little old fur coat to *wear*. Then I had to explain the principle of taxation, causes and effects of inflation, and another evening was ruined.

"Find some odd-sized sheets of copper in your scrapmetal box," another writer commanded me, "and melt them down with your acetylene torch . . ."

"Here's how to put those old scraps

WALLY



of leather to good use," still another How-To Assumer began his article.

"Build your own television set," an ambitious lad wrote seriously. "If you look on your local dump (!) you'll find some old-fashioned radio cabinets to house the mechanism, and an old cathode ray tube that can be made as good as new with a few simple tools in your basement tool chest."

Well, I've taken about as much as I can, and I'm ready to fight back. From now on I'm going to give advice, and I hope these people will be among my readers.

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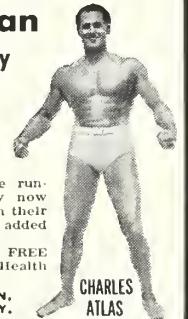
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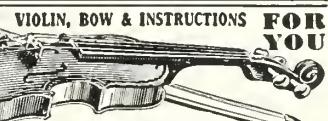
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New Ways To Hear Better

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available by the N. Y. State Society for Crippled Children, adults as well as children are tested. They try out the various brands of hearing aids under carefully controlled conditions, and then are taught how to use them for best results.

A patient who enrolls at the Syracuse Center, which operates more or less on a "pay if you can" basis, is given psychological, medical, and hearing tests to find the extent and nature of his hearing trouble. If the tests show that he may be helped by the use of a hearing aid, the patient is allowed to try out the various types of commercial aids in a special sound room under the supervision of an expert who knows the patient's hearing problem. Recorded tones, words, and sentences are used to help the patient check how each aid helps his hearing.

After he has chosen his aid a special insert is carefully molded to fit the earphone to his ear. Then he spends one or two nights a week for the next few months attending a special class for hearing-aid users. There he learns how to use his own aid under the conditions he meets in everyday life. Because he is learning with other people who also are hard of hearing, he feels little embarrassment.

Quite an array of electronic equipment is used to help the hearing-aid users learn. One instrument is a large sound cabinet fitted with a high-quality record player, a wire recorder, and a high-fidelity amplifier. With a flick of switches, the instructor mixes his own voice in with all sorts of background noises—the general murmur and clatter one hears in a restaurant, the crashings

and crackles of a violent thunderstorm, traffic noises, the clickity-click of train wheels, music, the mixed babble of voices in a hotel lobby, etc. The hearing-aid user gradually learns how to separate the sounds he wants to hear from those he doesn't. This type of rehabilitation, Dr. DiCarlo points out, is important to the person who has suffered a hearing impairment for some time before trying an aid. Without such training, exposure to all kinds of noises and voices is apt to confuse him and make him nervous and tired. He tends to reject his aid and go back to his soundless world or at least to a world that is not quite so noisy.

In cases of severe hearing losses, lip reading may be taught as an adjunct to a hearing aid. What the aid wearer misses in sound, he then can pick up from the lips.

Throughout its work, the main aim of the audiology clinic is to teach the hard-of-hearing person to make the most of what hearing he has left by using all of his senses, and to help him adapt himself to his loss and to the use of an aid if an aid will help him. Many times, adapting the man is just as important as adapting his ears. Often, particularly with an older person who has a hearing loss, the clinic carries the training right into the home. It teaches the family and the relatives how they can help to relieve day-by-day stresses and strains that often impede progress. The aged sometimes find it hard to adapt themselves to a hearing aid.

Tremendous strides have been made with children with impaired hearing at the Syracuse University Center. Many youngsters who never would have learned to talk because they were born with a severe hearing loss, are now talking and hearing, living normal lives, and attending regular schools. In this part of the work, Dr. DiCarlo and his staff turn again to special electronic equipment. If tests show that there is enough hearing left to warrant a try, a child is provided with a glorified hearing aid consisting of a sensitive microphone, a powerful amplifier, and a regular earphone headset which he then uses at home as well as at the Center. By holding up simple, easily recognized objects and naming them while the earphones practically roar, the instructor and the mother at home slowly teach the youngster the meanings of words. Then, by patient repetition and urging, they get the child to imitate. Finally, the tot is speaking his first words.

As the youngsters progress—putting words together to form sentences—they attend nursery school and speech classes where they wear earphones con-

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Parting Shots

WESTERN EGOTIST

*A convivial Yankee in Venice
Met a native likewise inclined;
Now boasts of being the first man
To drink a Venetian blind.*

— M. L. GRIFFITH

INDUSTRIOUS

A young man entered the manager's office to apply for a job.

"Yes, we can use a young man in our office," the manager informed him, "but, tell me, do you possess any outstanding talents?"

The youth proudly announced that he had won several prizes in crossword and slogan contests.

"That sounds good," the manager said, "but we want someone who will be smart during office hours."

"Oh," the young man replied brightly, "this was during office hours."

— F. G. KERNAN

MODESTY

An egotist is a guy who is always me-deep in conversation.

— MARJORIE GRAHAM

TRAVELOGUE

An artist, seeking a home among the Rockies, said to a native who had implied he might have a place for him: "This home of yours — I must have a good view — does yours have it?"

"Well," replied the man, "from the porch you can see Dud Brown's barn just as plain

as anything. Beyond that there ain't nuthin' but a bunch of mountains."

— HAROLD HELFER

HEAP

*Behind the wheel
He took a nap.*

Z-z-z-z . . .

Scrap. — ETHEL JACOBSON

MOOCHE

Sometimes, you just can't win.

A sergeant at the Raleigh, N. C., Army and Air Force Recruiting Station decided he'd teach a local tobacco moocher a lesson.

Into an office humidor containing about a handful of pipe tobacco, the sergeant added:

Five rubber bands, chopped; the heads of eight paper matches, pulverized; two strands of hair, contributed by blonde and brunette civilian employees; a teaspoonful of lint from a rug; a dash of pencil sharpenings; and the contents of a 20-gauge shotgun shell.

He gave the mixture a couple of good shakes, and placed the humidor on his desk.

At his usual time, the moocher arrived, leisurely filled his pipe and lounged in an easy chair, smoking. Office personnel held their breath — but nothing happened; the chiseler placidly continued puffing.

To their amazement, the moocher finished his pipe and left — only to return several hours later for a refill.

"Sometimes," the sergeant observed sadly, "you just can't win."

— JANE TYSON HALL

BEAUTIFUL BUT

*Although your stock of brains is slight
I do not care, for you delight
My vision with the twitching sight
of beauty.*

*What if your IQ isn't high
I'll eye you while you please the eye
So cutely, and I'll call you my
Eye-Cutie.*

— BERTON BRALEY

GLOSSARY OF POKER TERMS

ANTE: A means of forcing contributions from pokers who otherwise would not risk a dime on anything short of a cinch.

CHECK: What you have to write when you run out of cash.

FLUSH: Well heeled; opposite of broke.

OPENERS: What you usually forget to ask for when you send after beer.

PASS: What is made at the guy who gets caught dealing from the bottom of the deck.

PAT HAND: A bluff, except when you call it.

ROYAL FLUSH: Skip it. Your chances of ever getting one are too remote to merit its discussion here.

STAY: What everyone insists that you do a while longer when you should have gone home long ago.

STRAIGHT: The kind of face you try to keep when you hand the Missus the old guff about having been working late at the office.

— ROY K. KLINE

DOUBLE TROUBLE

*You can't take it with you —
And taxes make clear
The also sad fact
That you can't keep it here!*

— S. OMAR BARKER

WISE GUY

A wealthy but miserly old gent had just engaged a new chauffeur and was giving him instructions.

"And when you're not driving the car," he said, "there's the poultry house to clean and the dogs to look after and you can give the gardener a hand in odd moments."

"Yes, sir," replied the chauffeur grimly. "What sort of soil is it?"

"What sort of soil?" queried the old codger. "Why?"

"Well," was the retort, "I thought if it was clay soil I might make a few bricks to fill in the time."

— FRANCIS GERARD

THEY WENT THAT-A-WAY

*A western county sheriff had
A town that was chock-full of rats;
To round them up he got his-self
A big posse of posse cats.*

— L. J. ARTHUR

EVEN WITHOUT INFLATION

*Trouble with house-to-house selling, it
takes a heap of houses to make a living.*

— GLEN R. BERNHARDT



"And here's a shot we got of the Queen Elizabeth coming up the harbor . . . oh, no, that's my mother-in-law at Lake Crescent."



Another Springmaid Deb

Nancy Brown

**Nancy Brown is well known
to all café society—that is, to
those who go to the right cafés
where her saga is still sung**

In the hills of West Virginia lived a gal named Nancy Brown;
She was pining for a hope chest filled with sheets as soft as down.
Now Deacon Jones and Nancy searched the mountain high and low;
They almost reached the summit but no farther would she go.
She came back down the mountain; she came back down the mountain;
She came tripping down the mountain shoutin' "No!"
Said she didn't think the Deacon sought the same thing she was seekin';
And to meet his forceful virgin' took a most resorceful virgin;
But she's still as pure as momtain driven snow.



Then came along a Trapper who, with phrases sweet and kind,
Took Nancy up the mountain but when she read his mind,
She came back down the mountain; she came back down the mountain;
She came riding down the mountain piggy-back.
When he tried to get too pally, she headed toward the valley.
For she remained, as I have stated, not one whit contaminated;
And she's still as straight as Pappy's Apple-jack.

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*** She could not afford any sheets.
**** She has to hem her own SPRINGMAID sheeting but, if she omits the monograms and hem-stitching, they will last her the rest of her life, even in the mountains.



A Drummer came along one day, who wooed her with a song.
Took Nancy to the mountains, but she still knew right from wrong.
She came back down the mountain; she came back down the mountain;
She came tearing down the mountain breathin' scorn.
But despite his smart deceits, she would not desert her sheets;*
So she left her bold companion to the coyotes in the canyon.
And she's still as green as West Virginia corn.
Then came a city slicker with his hundred dollar bills,
Put Nancy in his Packard and took her to the stills.
She came back down the mountain; she came back down the mountain;



She came skidding down the mountain with new life;
For that handsome city slicker made her girlish heart beat quicker.
So her Pappy, rising early, met a woman, not a girlie;
And his shotgun made the couple man and wife.

Oh, she's living in the city; Oh she's living in the city;
Oh, she's living in the city mighty swell.
For she's winin' and she's dining,
On her Percale sheets** reclining.
And the West Virginia hills can go to hell.
No more scrubbin' pots and kittles, for she's eatin' fancy vittles;
And our West Virginia gal has done right well.

Along came that depression, kicked the slicker in the pants;
He had to sell his Packard and catch a boat for France.
So she came back to the mountains, so she came back to the mountains;
Oh, she sneaked back to the mountains mighty sore.***
Now the Drummer and the Deacon furnish Nancy with her sheetin'****
For our Nancy's not as choosy as of yore.



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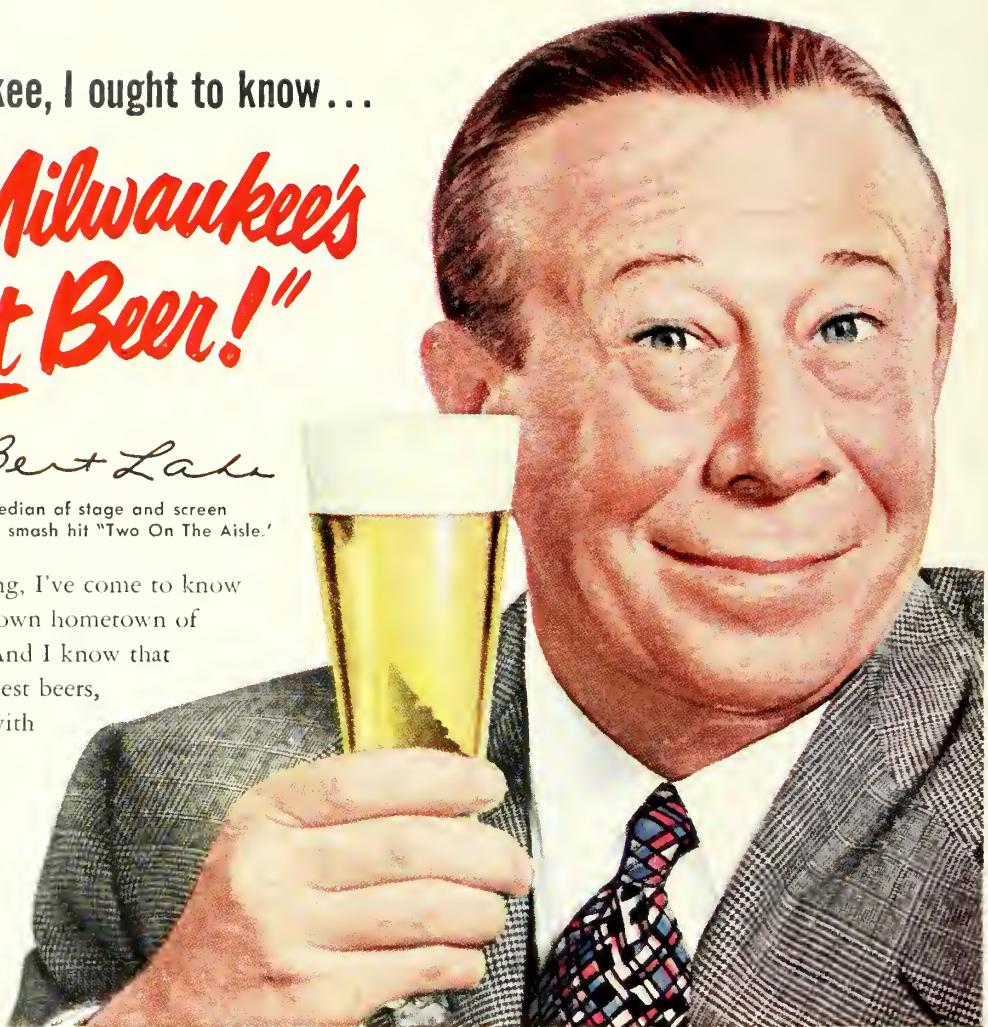
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